

Mayors stepping down

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The charismatic mayors of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv both say they are stepping down.

Teddy Kollek, 81, and Shlomo ("Cheech") Lahat, 65, said last week they will not seek re-election next year.

Kollek has been in office 27 years and Lahat 19.

The Jerusalem mayor, however, has agreed to postpone his official announcement for two months to allow the Labor Party to choose a candidate as his successor in the high-visibility post.

Lahat, a maverick Likudnik, said he would not seek a sixth term in the November 1993 elections. He said public officials should know when it is time to go home.

Germany will fight neo-Nazism

BONN (JTA) —

Setting aside differences, all 16 states of Germany have agreed on tough, new measures to combat a wave of neo-Nazi violence.

At the same time, the governing coalition and the opposition have failed to agree on a change in the constitution designed to curtail the influx of foreigners into Germany.

But both the Kohl government and the Social Democratic Party reported progress in efforts to reach agreement on curbing a flood of refugees they blame for the upsurge in right-wing extremist violence.

Under the country's liberal asylum

laws, some 1.4 million refugees have crossed into Germany, at a far higher level than that in neighboring European countries.

The new measures to crack down on violence were adopted last week by the interior ministers of the 16 German states at a meeting in Bonn also attended by federal Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters and high-ranking officials of the domestic security service.

Among the new measures:

* Federal police and border police will be called in promptly when trouble arises that local or regional forces cannot handle. Toward that end, the government will recruit more police

and train them in handling riots and violence against foreigners.

* The states will expedite the exchange of data on suspects in violent attacks against hostels for asylum-seekers.

* The federal government will expedite transmission to local police forces of information on suspects and extremist organizations.

* All major police stations will assign an officer to deal with complaints by asylum-seekers.

The government plans to ban a number of extreme right-wing organiza-

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A German riot policeman stands beside an injured demonstrator after the police dispersed about 300 leftists who smashed car windows and hurled stones during a demonstration earlier this year against a neo-Nazi rally in Leipzig. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Ukraine seeking 'close, friendly' ties with Israel

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

[Reporter Sheldon Kirshner spent three weeks in Ukraine recently, gathering material about its large Jewish community, Jewish-Ukrainian relations, the Holocaust and Ukraine's ties with Israel. In this story, the first in a series, he interviews Yuri Shcherbak, Ukraine's first ambassador to Israel.]

KIEV —

Newly-independent Ukraine attaches considerable importance to its relationship with Israel.

When Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk visited the United States last spring, he told the head of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar Bronfman, that he desired "close"

and "most friendly contacts" with Israel.

To ensure that this objective is met, Kravchuk — who plans to visit Israel (and Egypt) in December or January — chose Yuri Shcherbak, a confidant, as Ukraine's first envoy to the Jewish state.

In an interview on the eve of his departure for Israel, Shcherbak, the former minister of environmental protection and a founder of Ukraine's Green party, said that Kravchuk had personally asked him to accept the ambassadorship.

Shcherbak took up his post in Tel Aviv in late October, less than a year after Israel and Ukraine established diplomatic relations.

Israel will open an embassy in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, in the

new year.

Shcherbak is certainly no stranger to Israel. In 1990, he was a member of the first parliamentary delegation from the USSR to visit Israel. Back then, Ukraine was the second largest republic of the now-vanished Soviet Union.

After his trip, he urged Mikhail Gorbachev, the then-Soviet president, to establish full relations with Israel immediately. This did not happen until about a year later, when the Soviet Union was on the brink of dissolution. By that time, Ukraine had declared its independence — which was overwhelmingly ratified in a subsequent referendum.

Shcherbak said that, in terms of their relationship, Israel and Ukraine are "starting from zero."

But, as he quickly added, links between Jews and Ukrainians are longstanding.

For centuries, Ukraine has been home to a sizable Jewish population. Today, several hundred thousand Jews live in Ukraine. In the past few years, tens of thousands of Ukrainian Jews have immigrated to Israel.

"We have great respect for Israel," said Shcherbak. "Israel can be a real example for us."

Ukrainians admire Israel, he explained, because it struggled for independence, a goal which eluded Ukrainian nationalists until August 1991.

Ukraine, he said, has much to learn from Israeli farmers. "We have a very rich and fertile land, but our output is not so high," Ukraine, he not-

ed, is particularly interested in Israel's drip irrigation system.

Conversely, Shcherbak pointed out, Ukraine's well-developed heavy machinery manufacturing sector is bound to interest Israeli industry.

According to Shcherbak, Ukraine and Israel intend to sign a trade agreement in the near future. Ukraine plans to set up a trade office in Tel Aviv, and establish a free trade zone in the Black Sea port of Odessa, which, he implied, will attract Israeli businessmen.

Tourism is growing.

Last summer, Israel became the first country to sign an aviation agreement with Ukraine, a nation roughly the size of France with a population of about 52 million.

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Community launches initiative to ensure continuity

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

It's a paradox that's captured the attention of Jewish communal professionals and all those interested in the future well-being of the Jewish community: the more successful Jews are economically and the more they are accepted in their host societies, the more, it seems, they are prone to assimilation and intermarriage.

Concern over the disappearing Jew has become a hot topic at organization meetings and conferences; the recently completed General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations devoted one day out of its four-day agenda to it.

And while communal professionals and those with their fingers on the pulse of the Jewish community have studied the issue and proposed a variety of means to tackle it, there are those in Toronto who believe a new approach is needed.

With that in mind, community volunteer Aaron Brotman is putting together a committee that will reach out and solicit a broad range of opinions as to the best way of tackling the problem of Jewish continuity.

The Task Force on Jewish Identity, Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage will attempt to involve as many people as possible to brainstorm ways of dealing with the issue, Brotman said.

"The idea is to approach the grass roots Jewish community to see what they perceive are the problems and the possible solutions," he said.

The committee intends to place ads in community papers, bulletins and put up notices in areas frequented by Jews to keep them informed about the committee's activities.

To help get the task force off on the right

foot, Brotman, co-chair of the Major Gifts Division of the United Jewish Appeal, said he is assembling a group of about 15 people who are broadly representative of the Toronto Jewish community. Some are affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT), under whose auspices the task force will operate, some are involved in other Jewish organizations, while the rest are unaffiliated with any group.

Four members of the task force will be under 25 years of age, he added.

"The group will go into the community and solicit opinions, digest the input and provide a reasonable set of recommendations within about a year," Brotman said.

The result he hopes for will be a practical set of programs that will do something to stem the disconcerting tide of assimilation in the Toronto community.

According to recent estimates, 30 percent of marriages that involve one Jewish partner also involve a spouse who was not born Jewish (though that person may have converted), said Jay Brodbar, author of *A First Look*, the JFGT's 1991 examination of the Jews of greater Toronto.

The trend appears to be increasing, Brodbar said, noting that in the 1950s, less than five percent of marriages involved a non-Jewish partner.

Meanwhile, the American experience is even more distressing. While the figures vary from region to region, overall, an estimated 52 percent of Jews who marry do so with someone of another faith. The rates are lower in established, high density areas like New York, higher in the Southwest and Colorado, he said.

But even in Canada, the overall trends are disturbing since the farther you go from the immigrant experience, the less salient is Jew-

ish identification and the more likely is it for a parent to say they are not upset by the prospects of their children intermarrying, Brodbar said.

Canada is a generation or so behind the U.S. trends, though the relatively high proportion of people receiving a Jewish education in Toronto gives the community "something to build on" when confronting the issue of continuity, he added.

A recent family gathering during Rosh Hashanah illustrated to Brotman the depth of emotions the issue raises. While the older people focused on the Jews' past and the benefits of marrying within the faith, the younger people wanted to know the benefits of retaining their heritage. "Tell us what's good about being Jewish," Brotman recalls them asking.

The younger people argued that if someone intermarries, they shouldn't be cast aside but welcomed into the family, Brotman said.

Brotman, who has served as a federation officer in the past, acknowledged that other organizations have also studied the problem of continuity and made recommendations. "We're not looking to duplicate existing programs but perhaps to increase and embellish them and fill any gaps," he said.

JFGT executive director Allan Reitzes said that while Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region completed a report on assimilation, intermarriage and Jewish identity in 1988-89, its mandate was province-wide, while the task force chaired by Brotman will focus on the greater Toronto area. In addition, the task force will attempt to involve as many people from the community as it can.

The committee's recommendations, which will include ideas about funding the proposed programs, will be presented to the JFGT as well as other communal organizations.



Aaron Brotman

Wallenberg alive?

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Swedish war hero Raoul Wallenberg may still be alive because there is no conclusive proof he is dead, says a leading scholar.

Harvey Rosenfeld, a professor at Yeshiva University and author of *Raoul Wallenberg: Angel of Rescue*, told an audience at Shaar Shalom Synagogue last week that Wallenberg likely did not die in 1947, the year in which high officials in the former Soviet Union insist the Swede suffered a fatal heart attack in prison.

Wallenberg, a non-Jew and Canada's only honorary citizen, is credited with rescuing as many as 100,000 Hungarian Jews from certain death while stationed in Budapest from 1944 to early 1945.

Using bluff and bluster, he saved up to 30,000 directly by issuing fake Swedish passports, spirit-ing people to safe houses he claimed as sovereign Swedish territory and literally yanking Jews out of lines to trains that would have taken them to Auschwitz.

He persuaded the Nazis to call off the razing of Budapest's Jewish ghetto; with its 70,000 inhabitants.

Wallenberg, who would be 80 today, was taken into "protective custody" by the Soviets, who invaded Hungary in January, 1945. For over 40 years, Moscow's official line has been that he died of a heart attack in Lubyanka prison in 1947.

Speaking as part of Holocaust Education Week in Metro, Rosenfeld said there have been dozens of alleged sightings of Wallenberg following 1947, as well as evidence and rumors indicating the hero lived well beyond then.

Among the most compelling stories Rosenfeld recounted are the following:

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Japanese choir enthralls with Jewish music

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

Sometimes a gathering is so special that it becomes difficult to capture its impact in words. Such was the recent concert given by Japan's Shinonome Choir at Temple Sinai.

The choir belongs to the Protestant sect called Japan Christian Friends of Israel or Beit Shalom whose founder, Rev. Takeji Otsuki, had a divine revelation when he was a minister in Manchuria in 1938. Although he had never met a Jew in his life, Otsuki, in his mystic encounter, was told to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the coming of the Messiah by directing his prayers toward the spiritual restoration of Israel. When the Jews become a holy nation, world peace will be the inevitable outcome.

The choir represents the 40 best singers from the 100 congregational choirs of the sect throughout Japan. Ranging in age from 19 to 42, the members work at their day jobs to save money in order to tour the world every three or four years to give free concerts in synagogues which is their gift to the Jews. The ultimate goal of each tour is a visit to Israel. The choir came to Toronto at the invitation of Temple Sinai's director, composer Ben Steinberg, who had worked with Shinonome in Japan. He had first met them when he was invited to Boston several years ago to conduct them in a performance of his own music.

The emotional tone of the evening was set immediately when the current leader, Rev. Masaru Otsuki, the son of the founder, publicly apologized to the packed house for the Christian treatment of the Jews in 1492. That a Japanese Protestant would be seeking atonement from Canadian Jews for a Spanish Catholic act of injustice that happened 500

years ago totally disarmed the crowd. It was clear that the complete sincerity of these devout people had touched a very spiritual core within each member of the audience which included both the Japanese and Israeli consul generals.

One does not go to hear the Shinonome for the same professional or musical reasons as one would the Mormon Tabernacle or the Mendelssohn choirs for example. Although they are highly disciplined and capable of tackling very difficult music, the Shinonome singers are, after all, amateurs. What the choir members have, however, that makes their performance totally enchanting, is a complete commitment and passion to their singing, and it was this endearing quality which embraced the audience with an aura of love.

Their concert is divided into two halves. The first is devoted to Japanese folk songs and dancers, the second to Hebraic and Israeli music. The combination forms an excellent balance because it has the symmetry of tradition. The Japanese portion, in which the women wore kimonos, gave us a pot pourri of music from various parts of their country. It was clear that these selections were Japanese art songs in which composers had taken traditional music and created complex setting, much like Sir Ernest MacMillan had done with Newfoundland folk songs in this country. Complex part harmony and rhythmic structures dominated this music conducted by Rev. Toru Nakamura and the choir acquitted itself admirably.

It was the Hebrew music, however, that everyone had come to hear, and no matter how charming the first half had been, the singular experience of hearing a group of Japanese singing Jewish music in Hebrew was

unforgettable. Works included songs of Israel, songs of peace, and of course, music by Steinberg. Cantor Martha Birnbaum, from Rochester joined the choir in selections from Steinberg's beautifully melodic and interestingly varied Shabbat morning service. Her lovely soprano backed by the sympathetic choir with the composer himself conducting was a profoundly moving experience. A piece de resistance was the singing of another of Steinberg's works in which the Shinonome was joined by the Temple Sinai choir.

The conductor of the choir's Hebrew music is Rev. Takeo Sato who is also a composer and he set to music a Hebrew poem by the founder of the sect, Father Otsuki. The choir began the second half of the concert with *Kadmu Bivraha*, an ode to Jerusalem, which in its few verses, embraces the entire ethos of the religion. In one powerful moment this song shattered any myth one might have had of the inscrutable oriental who demonstrates no public emotion. So important are these words of hope for the coming of the Messiah and the righteousness of Zion that the choir, men and women alike, had tears flowing down their cheeks, as did their young pianist and most of the audience.

This particular song garnered a standing ovation and prolonged applause by the emotionally wrought crowd. By this point, the concert had become a love-in, and no matter how cliché or hackneyed the phrase, it is the only way to describe the mutually shared experience which had just occurred between the singers and the listeners. Anyone who was at Temple Sinai for the Shinonome concert will never forget it and we should all be grateful to Steinberg, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson and the synagogue's congregation for making the concert a reality.



The Beit Shalom Shinonome Choir performs cantata Prayer for Jerusalem by Ben Steinberg at Temple Sinai.

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Tanenbaum remembered

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Joseph Tanenbaum, who died recently at the age of 87, was the classical North American success story.

He came to Toronto at the age of 6 from Lublin, Poland, with his mother, Chipa Sara and his brother Max to join his father, Avraham.

To help his struggling family, he left school at the age of 12 and joined his father in the collecting and reselling of junk and scrap metal, a business which grew into Runnymede Development Corp. (The name came from the Junction area of West Toronto where the family lived.)

From this humble beginning, he branched out first into steel, then construction, then development.

Among his early accomplishments was the Burlington Skyway in the 1950s. He was known for always honoring his contracts, and for being willing to do — or go — anywhere his workers would.

In time, he taught himself so much about structural engineering, that he could hold his own with professionals.

Jack Feintuch, Runnymede executive vice-president, recalls driving with Tanenbaum past Beth Avraham Yoseph synagogue in Thornhill when it was under construction, when Tanenbaum jumped out of the car and started examining the steel beams. He had decided that the size was wrong, and insisted that the construction supervisors check the plans: he was correct.

But it is undoubtedly for his philanthropy that "JT" as he was affectionately known will be remembered.

He helped innumerable institutions and causes; Yeshiva University, Boystown Jerusalem, Ner Israel Baltimore and Toronto, yeshivas in Israel and the United States, Eitz Chaim and Beth Jacob in Toronto, Bar-Ilan and Ben-Gurion universities, among many others.

Together with Rabbi Nota Schiller, he founded Ohr Somayach, an international educational outreach institution.

One of his crowning accomplishments was the Spring Farm community, built in the southern part of Vaughan in the early 1980s. It consisted of 2,000 homes on 250 acres, a shopping plaza, a branch of Eitz Chaim Schools, and Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue Centre, one of the largest Orthodox synagogue structures in North America, which also houses a branch of Ohr Somayach.

Nearly 1,200 beneficiaries of all his generosity, and those who genuinely liked the down-to-earth man who so obviously liked them back, filled the sanctuary of Beth Avraham Yoseph to pay "JT" last respects.

Children from the Patricia and Spring Farm branches of Eitz Chaim filed in, after reciting Psalms outside the building. The Spring Farm girls were the first class to have started grade one there, and remembered watching Tanenbaum affix the mezuzah.

Rabbi Henry Hoschander, president of the Toronto Vaad Harabonim, and Rabbi Naftali Neuberger, executive vice-president, Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Baltimore, recited Psalms.



Joseph Tanenbaum

Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg, rosh yeshiva of Ner Israel, Baltimore, called Tanenbaum "an energizing force," who "fully, enthusiastically and with joy gave life to" the institutions he founded.

Rabbi Nota Schiller, of Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem, called him a visionary, who moved to make his dreams of building institutions that would bring people closer to Torah come true.

When people cry for a righteous man, Rabbi Schiller said, G-d collects those tears and stores them in His treasurehouse, "because there is something special about tears shed for such a man."

The rabbi compared Tanenbaum's skill in strengthening steel structures to his skill in tightening and fastening relationships with those he helped.

"He didn't just give — he rejoiced in every simcha, because he saw it as

his simcha too."

A visibly upset grandson, John Kaplan, spoke on behalf of the family. But he called all those present part of the family.

"If devotion, ongoing caring and giving are what a family is, all of you should consider yourself part of his family, because that is how he considered you."

His grandfather, he said, recognized that Jewish education is the key to ensuring the prosperity of the Jewish people.

"Our legacy must be to follow the path he followed. That's what he would have wanted for all of us."

Rabbi Baruch Taub, whom Tanenbaum brought to be the founding rabbi of Beth Avraham Yoseph, compared him to the Biblical Joseph, who, he said, came to a new country and became successful.

Like Joseph, Rabbi Taub said, Tanenbaum recognized the hand of G-d in his success, and felt that his charity was a way of repaying his debt to G-d.

He knew, the rabbi said, that "success is defined not by what one has, but by what one gives."

He noted that Tanenbaum's wife of 65 years, Faye, had died less than two months ago. "If anyone doubted her partnership with him, they only had to see him, despondent and broken, after her death."

Before the service, the hearse, accompanied by part of the procession, drove to Ner Israel Yeshiva just north of Highway 7. In traditional fashion, the doors of the school opened in his honor, and the whole student body came out to recite Psalms, and followed the procession nearly a mile on its way back to the synagogue.

As the full procession drove to the cemetery, it stopped outside Eitz Chaim Patricia, where students and teachers stood outside in the cold to honor him.

Among those attending the funeral were many of the Toronto rabbinate, Rabbi Yisroel Rakowsky, rosh yeshiva of Ohr Somayach Monsey, Rabbi Simcha Soloveitchik of New York, and Rabbi Korf from Miami.

Joseph Tanenbaum is survived by sisters Esther Gottlieb and Sarah Katz, children Wayne, Frances Mandell and Estherelke Kaplan, seven grandchildren, Katherine Tanenbaum, Jennifer, John and Raquel Kaplan, and Aubie, Gail and Jessica Mandell, and four great-grandchildren, Joshua and Stacey Mandell and Elisheva and Chaya Sara Kaplan.

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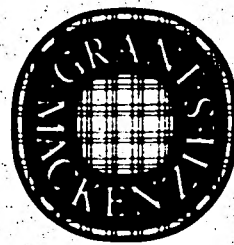


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CAEJ shuts down after 12 years

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews (CAEJ) is folding.

During its heyday, CAEJ, like all groups pressing for the release of oppressed Jews, wanted nothing more than to be put out of business.

So now that just about all Ethiopian Jews are safely in Israel, CAEJ is shutting down operations after 12 years.

"We've fulfilled our mandate," former president Jack Hope, a Toronto lawyer, told *The C.J.N.*

Set up in 1980, it didn't take long for CAEJ to earn a reputation as a maverick, nettlesome, even dangerous organization, one that interfered with the work of Canadian Jewish Congress and dared to criticize Israel for alleged inaction on the rescue of Ethiopia's endangered Jewish community.

"We modeled ourselves on the rejection of quiet diplomacy," Hope says. "Quiet diplomacy was one approach and making a hell of a lot of noise was another. We felt the squeaky wheel gets the grease."

Indeed, the whole issue of rescuing Ethiopia's beleaguered Jews was highly sensitive. For one, being perceived as competing with Canadian

Jewish Congress, which preferred the quiet route, was bad enough. Congress slammed CAEJ every chance it could, saying the group was actually hindering progress. But condemning Israel for ignoring the problem was considered nearly heretic in the Jewish community.

CAEJ took the feisty approach and was successful, at least in the first half of the 1980s, in providing relief supplies to the community and in spurring people out, by way of overt as well as covert means.

The organization, which had chapters in Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Calgary, teamed up with the American Association for Ethiopian Jews and delivered tons of food and medical supplies.

The rescue operation, explains Hope, consisted mainly of obtaining visas for young students so they could attend Canadian universities. Once they were out of Ethiopia, they headed straight for Israel.

As well, at least 500 individuals received regular monthly stipends from CAEJ, adds immediate past president Cathy Himmelfarb.

The group's mandate included public education and awareness.

That awareness was heightened in late 1984 when Operation Moses secretly airlifted some 8,000 Ethio-

pian Jews to Israel from the Sudan, where many had trekked to squalid camps.

The rescue operation, however, was abruptly called off when it became publicized, something the Marxist government in Ethiopia had warned against.

Israel, however, returned a few months later and conducted Operation Joshua, a mopping up mission that took hundreds more to the Jewish state.

However, the best was yet to come. It was in the spring of last year when Israel conducted Operation Solomon, a breathtaking mission that rescued the country's remaining 15,000 Jews.

CAEJ's final project, just after the rescue, was to persuade about 250 Jews in the Sudan to return to Addis Ababa, where Israel flew them to the Holy Land.

Bulletin

VANCOUVER —

As we went to press, *The C.J.N.* learned that former Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens has been ordered out of Canada. An immigration adjudicator ruled that Luitjens, a native of Holland, had lied about his Nazi past when he immigrated to Canada in 1961.

Canada

Bronfman to help youth to Israel

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Charles Bronfman has made a pledge that every North American Jew by the age of 21 will have the opportunity to visit Israel, that he believes can be fulfilled by the end of this decade.

The CRB Foundation, of which Bronfman is president, has joined together with major North American Jewish organizations to increase the number of Jewish teenagers who have been to Israel from the current level of about 8,000 to 50,000 annually by the year 2000.

Announcement of the project follows an address given by Bronfman, co-chair of Seagram Co. Ltd., at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, held in New York.

He is concerned with a weakening commitment to Israel among North American Jews under age 30 and the need to provide Jewish youth with a first-hand experience of Israel that will deepen their emotional attachment to the state and make them proud of being Jewish.

"The Israel experience affects our children equally, be they secular, observant, Zionist or unaffiliated.

"It doesn't seem to matter; if you're Jewish and you go to Israel, you come back a different person. And that experience is not a short-term euphoria; it is long-lasting and with reinforcement can become permanent."

A well-organized sojourn in Israel should become "a rite (and right) of passage" for Jewish youth, Bronfman said.

The perception that Israel is overrun every summer by North American youth is false, he said. "Our research tells us that less than five percent of our North American teenagers participate in an organized trip to Israel."

The organizations forming the project's consortium are United Jewish Appeal, Council of Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centres Association, Jewish Education Service of North America and the CRB Foundation, one of the largest private charitable foundations in Canada.

This is said to be the first time these groups have worked together on such an extensive program for Jewish youth.

This is a five-year pilot project whose goal is to "mobilize" Jewish communities in the United States and Canada to attain the goal of sending 50,000 Jewish teenagers annually to Israel by the turn of the century. The current teenage Jewish population in the two countries is estimated to be 350,000.

Communities participating in the project will receive annual "challenge grants" that they will be expected to match at a 1-to-3 ratio, said Peter Geffen, the New York-based youth trips program officer of the CRB Foundation.

Selected communities will receive about \$100,000 over a three-year period from UJA, and be expected to contribute

\$300,000 themselves, he said.

A total of \$3 million is expected to be spent over the five-year period, he said, between the UJA and local community investment.

About half will be used to subsidize the trips of young people who need financial assistance and a large part of the rest to marketing, Geffen said.

Consortium staff, who are employed by the CRB, will be available to work with them in developing local initiatives to encourage youth to participate in travel to Israel. For the past several years, the CRB has sponsored research on youth travel to Israel and been developing new programs and training for tour guides.

Up to 12 Jewish communities, beginning with four in 1993, are in the process of being selected by the sponsors to take part in the program.



Charles Bronfman

An advisory committee is being formed of representatives of the American Zionist Youth Foundation and of the North American Jewish Youth Directors Association.

Bronfman warned that assimilation is a threat throughout the Diaspora. "The pressures are more subtle, or even subliminal, than in past eras, but so insidious and constant nonetheless that for many it becomes the easy way out."

Among young Jews today, whose image of Israel was shaped by scenes from the Lebanon war and intifada, and not pride in the Six Day War victory, there is an ambivalence about Israel, he said.

Giving young people the opportunity to get a positive impression of Israel will in the long run, not only strengthen the bond between Israel and the Diaspora, but create a unified Jewish people, he believes.

Bronfman hopes not only to increase visits to Israel, but to improve the quality of organized youth programs in Israel, and the way they are marketed.

"Much, and even more, of that which is achieved laboriously in the Hebrew school classroom can be achieved naturally and informally during the Israel trip."

Joint legal program launched

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Canada and Israel have entered into an unprecedented legal co-operation program that will see an exchange of ideas between justices of both countries' supreme courts and culminate in the future adoption by Israel of a charter of rights modelled on Canada's 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Under the honorary co-chairmanship of the Chief Justice of Canada, Antonio Lamer, and his Israeli counterpart, Meir Shamgar, the Canada-Israel Legal Co-operation Program will co-ordinate a host of activities, including seminars for judges of both nations and a conference in Israel next month to examine how human rights are chartered in both countries.

As well, the program is expected to establish permanent joint working groups, to meet regularly, on matters such as equality rights, criminal justice and women's issues.

The historic program is the brainchild of McGill University law professor and human rights advocate Irwin Cotler, who learned last spring while on a teaching sabbatical at Jerusalem's Hebrew University that Israel had adopted a "mini" charter of rights.

Cotler met with Israeli Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak, who commented that Israel is in 1992 where Canada was in 1982, the year this country's far-reaching charter was adopted.

"It appeared to me a propitious time to set up a Canada-Israel legal

co-operation program," Cotler told *The C.J.N.* "The Canadian charter experience can be expected to be an important repository of knowledge and expertise for Israel."

The program will be co-sponsored by the faculties of law at McGill, the University of Toronto and the Hebrew University, the Centre for Constitutional Studies at the University of Alberta and the Halbert Centre

tor, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and David Libai, Israel's justice minister.

Slated to deliver scholarly papers are Madame Justice Beverly McLachlin of the Supreme Court of Canada and Madame Justice Rosalie Abella and Justice Walter Tarnopolsky of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The conference will be preceded by an informal Supreme Court judges' seminar, to be hosted by Shamgar, that will examine civil liberties in Israel and Israel's rule of law in the occupied territories. Attending from Canada will be Justices L'Heureux-Dube, McLachlin and Frank Iacobucci of the Supreme Court of Canada. Justices Abella and Tarnopolsky of the Ontario Court of Appeal and Justice Herbert Marx of Quebec Superior Court.

Cotler adds that Chief Justice Lamer has agreed to host a delegation of Supreme Court judges from Israel sometime next spring.

In addition, and if funding is available, the program is considering developing a Canada-Israel Civil Liberties Fellowship Program, which would allow two recent Israeli law graduates to come to Canada for advanced training in civil liberties law; a human rights internship in Israel for Canadian law students; and a yearbook of the best papers and work emanating from the joint working groups.

It all adds up, Cotler says, to a unique partnership between two countries which place high value on human rights and the rule of law.



Prof. Irwin Cotler

for Canadian Studies at Hebrew U.

The program will kick off Dec. 20 to the 23rd at the Hebrew University with the Canada-Israel Law Conference, to be opened by Shamgar and Madame Justice Clair L'Heureux-Dube of Canada's Supreme Court.

Scheduled to attend are Canada's Ambassador to Israel, Norman Spec-

Police seize vast arms cache

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Responding to a domestic dispute, police last week seized a virtual arsenal of small arms that included sub-machine guns and an anti-tank rocket launcher belonging to a Toronto bailiff with ties to white supremacist organizations.

The seizure prompted Canadian Jewish Congress to call on Metro Toronto police chief William McCormack to do everything legally possible to ensure the weapons are not returned to Alan Overfield, a bailiff whose firm employs Wolfgang Droege, head of the white supremacist Heritage Front.

Seventy-eight weapons, as well as ammunition, were seized by police following a dispute involving Overfield and his common law wife.

The major crime firearms unit of the Metro Toronto police is continuing its investigation into the case but police have said that all the weapons

were legally registered.

Overfield is to appear in court on Nov. 30 where he will face charges of unsafe storage of weapons and ammunition.

David Satok, chairman of community relations for Congress, said the organization's lawyers are studying whether the Criminal Code might be invoked to prevent the return of the weapons. One section of the Code allows the seizure and destruction of weapons if there are reasonable grounds to believe they represent a danger to public safety, he suggested.

In a letter to McCormack, Satok stated that "our community is distressed that such an individual not only has access to such firepower, but given his unsavory connections we are left very perplexed as to a system which might indeed return the weapons to him."

Overfield has said he is merely a gun collector and that he had turned his entire collection to police in Au-

gust to ensure the weapons complied with regulations. The guns were recently returned to him, he said.

Congress has long been familiar with Overfield's activities, Satok said. Last March he employed Droege to provide security at Reform Party meetings. Overfield was later expelled by the party for recruiting Droege and others with links to white supremacist organizations.

Congress' files on Overfield go back to March 1979 when he was co-ordinator of riding associations for the Nationalist Party of Canada. At the time, *The Nationalist Report*, the party's publication, lamented "the mongrelization of the white race" and called for special social and economic policies "on behalf of the White People."

The party also adopted a policy of limiting immigration to those "of European descent."

Overfield has said he has not been associated with the party since 1979.

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mourns the passing of

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A veteran and stalwart supporter of JNF, he was honoured at the 1972 Toronto Negev Dinner and participated actively in numerous Jewish National Fund projects.

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in *The C.J.N.*

BOOKSPAN — BUCHSBAUM — SCHNITZER

Buchsbaum is the German word for box tree. It translates in Polish to Bukszan.

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Sarah Levin, Na'amat's director in Ashdod, with an Ethiopian child she helped restore to health.

Teen charged with threat in Kitchener

KITCHENER —

A 19-year-old man has been charged with uttering a death threat to one of the protesters outside Michael Rothe's stereo shop here.

Harold Eidt of Kitchener was charged after he allegedly threatened to kill a protester outside European Sound Imports earlier this month.

Several members of Kitchener-Waterloo's Jewish community, as well as non-Jews, are holding thrice-weekly vigils outside the store to protest Rothe's questioning of the Holocaust and his connections to Holocaust revisionists, such as David Irving.

Irving spoke at the store just days before he was ordered deported from Canada [CJN, Nov. 19].

According to witnesses, a man drove by the shop and yelled "Heil Hitler!" to the six or so protesters.

He then allegedly stopped, got out of the car and "said he would return with a gun and kill them all," Staff Sgt. Al Cassidy told *The Kitchener-Waterloo Record*.

The man later returned with some friends in his car but was surrounded by several supporters of the protesters.

One of the vehicle's windows was smashed, showering a 4-month-old baby in the car with glass, a witness told *The CJN*. The baby was not hurt.

Organizers of the protest vow they will continue to gather three times a week outside the store until the end of the year.

Tensions have mounted here since the protest began. On Nov. 7, a house by Monna Zentner, one of the organizers, was gutted in a fire that officials say was deliberately started.

URO seeks survivors for pension benefits

MONTREAL —

The United Restitution (URO) wishes to inform Holocaust survivors that an announcement will be made shortly which will be of interest to persons who were incarcerated in ghettos and concentration camps and are not receiving pensions for Germany. These persons may be entitled to a pension if they received only a one-time indemnification grant.

The URO is compiling a list of the persons to whom the new regulation will apply. Those who are interested should ask for further information from the URO, 5253 Decarie Blvd., Suite 500, Montreal, Que. H3W 3C3, tel. (514) 481-7933; or URO, 4600 Bathurst, Suite 121, Wil- lodele, Ontario M2R 3V2, tel. (416) 630-2920.

Dollars for David campaign helps children in Israel

TORONTO —

A new group of refugees has just reached Israel from a part of Ethiopia that is so deep into the country that its people speak the language of the Sudan, not of Ethiopia.

Sarah Levin, Na'amat's director of projects in the city of Ashdod, Israel, recently travelled across Canada, bringing word of this latest influx of refugees. "If those who came before seemed to come from centuries ago, then these new arrivals lag by millennia," she explained. "And these people were in absolutely the worst condition."

A major effort by Israel has brought 4,000 newcomers — all suffering from malnutrition, infestations of parasites, and barely-known diseases.

Twelve hundred of them were brought into make-shift quarters at an air base near Ashdod. Among those refugees were 83 children between 6 months and 3 years of age who were taken into day care by Na'amat.

"Because of the danger of contagion, it was necessary to transfer all other children from the centre. We called the parents in and asked them if they would mind if we moved their children into our three other day-care centres. Even though this would be inconvenient, and would tax the capacity of the other facilities, not one parent objected. They were anxious to help in every way.

"At first, we had to feed these malnourished children small meals every

two hours. If we had fed a lot at once, after such starvation, they would have died. But now they are filling out. The scabs and marks of suffering on their bodies are gone and they are looking forward to their first Chanukah in the Holy Land."

Levin's visit coincided with Na'amat's annual Dollars for David Chanukah campaign.

"That little bit of holiday happiness means so much to all of our children, both newcomers and sabras. For some, the gift sent through Dollars for David is the only one they receive. Israel is going through a period of heart-breaking unemployment and tens of thousands of children are living below the poverty line. Those gifts mean as much to the parents as to their children. It's very hard to watch your child being deprived at Chanukah when all of the other children are celebrating," Levin said.

For further information about the Dollars for David campaign, call these Na'amat presidents in the following cities: Montreal, Ora Stolovitz, (514) 489-2885; Ottawa, Lilian Laks, (613) 820-8373; Toronto, Emily Brown (416) 884-2981; Hamilton, Sharon Hart, (416) 648-8998; Windsor, Helen Glaser (519) 254-6613 or Ruth Booth (519) 966-2547; Winnipeg, Pauline Goldstone, (204) 488-4227; Edmonton, Clarice Garbuz (403) 483-6754; Calgary, Esther Lang (403) 251-5405 or Nadine Waldman, (403) 281-3982; and Vancouver, Julie Gutovich, (604) 263-1012.

Network convention planned

TORONTO —

Students who feel they could use a course in Being Jewish on Campus might find that Network Canada's upcoming convention fills the bill.

National convention co-ordinator Natalie Blitt is appealing to students to join them who:

- don't know how to refute anti-Israel propaganda on campus;
- would like to interact with other campus groups, but don't know how to begin or fear a hostile response;

- are frustrated because they feel that no other Jewish students on their campus are interested in Jewish activities;
- don't know how to answer questions.

The convention will be held at the Bonaventure Hilton in Montreal from Dec. 23 to Dec. 27. Network is the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students.

For further information, contact Network at (416) 783-1165, by fax (416) 783-1166, or write to 3535 Bathurst St., Ste. 201, Toronto, Ontario M6A 2C7.

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Yoram Dinstein

Yoram Dinstein, president of Tel Aviv University and a world authority on international law, was also the founder of the Israeli branch of Amnesty International.

Born in Tel Aviv in 1936, Dinstein studied law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and New York University. He served as consul of Israel in New York and a member of Israel's Permanent Mission to the United Nations (1966-1970). In 1976 he came to the University of Toronto law school as a visiting professor for one year. He served as rector of Tel Aviv University from 1980 to 1985, and prior to that as dean of its law faculty. He is a professor of international law and of human rights.

On a recent trip to Toronto, he spoke with CJN reporter Frances Kraft in a wide-ranging interview.

CJN: Are you still involved with Amnesty International?

Dinstein: No, I'm not, even though I established the Israeli national chapter. I resigned from the association because I reached the conclusion that regrettably in a number of Amnesty organizations throughout the world, there is built-in hostility to Israel which has nothing to do with the facts. I saw no reason to be associated with an organization which submits annual reports about Israel which in part, not in their totality, but in part are simply slanderous and groundless.

The Amnesty system is such that an Israeli is not supposed to deal with Israeli cases, just as a Canadian is not allowed to deal with Canadian cases.

I found myself in a very frustrating position, where I was supposed to write letters and express my views about what was happening in Paraguay and in Indonesia, about which I know very little, and not express anything at all about Israel, about which I know very much.

I was involved with Amnesty International for five years. When you start something, you want to give it a chance. I went to a number of international conferences. I met the entire leadership. I argued with them. I reached the conclusion that it's no go, so I decided to cut the losses.

CJN: Is there still an Amnesty International chapter in Israel?

Dinstein: Yes. Each person is entitled to make up his or her own mind on it. The Israelis are still not involved in Israeli cases.

CJN: What are your thoughts on the settlements in the territories?

Dinstein: Nothing in the Geneva convention precludes the possibility of an Israeli like myself buying land in the free market, in the West Bank, and deciding to settle there.

People somehow have a tendency to confuse title with sovereignty. Title is a matter of private law. I buy land; I become the owner. That does not mean that the flag of my country of nationality can be flown over the land, as if sovereignty has changed.

To give you an example, thousands of Canadians winter in Florida and own condominiums there. Many of them even hang the maple leaf from their balconies. That does not mean that any portion of South Florida has been transferred sovereignty-wise from the United States to Canada. It only means that a Canadian is the owner of the property in south Florida.

If I buy land in the West Bank and settle there, I have not affected sovereignty by one iota, even if I raise the Israeli flag.

The problem is that the government of Israel frowns on the phenomenon of private settlement in the West Bank because of security considerations. If I want to buy land, I'm free to buy the land, but I'm not free to settle there, because the army will evict me right away. The army is afraid that once I buy, they will have to provide me with security, so that will cost the Israeli taxpayer a fortune.

So what is in fact permitted under international law is forbidden by the Israeli government. On the other hand, what is proscribed by international law, that is to say transfer, is happening, or used to happen under the Likud government in the West Bank. General Sharon in particular brought in the bulldozers and created a situation of transfer. Those who think that all settlements can be lumped together under one heading, legal or illegal, are wrong.

I don't think that anybody can possibly disagree, unless you are motivated by politics rather than by law.

CJN: How have the universities been affected by the new Israeli government?

Dinstein: It's too early to say. You have to bear in mind the Israeli system, which in my opinion is the best in the world.

It's the so-called UGC system (University Grants Committee). We adopted it many years ago. The idea is that there is a buffer between the universities and the government. That means that even if a particular professor annoys the government, or even if the government does not like certain developments in one of the universities, there's no way that the government could, even if it wished to, penalize the university. As a result, Israeli professors are probably more open in expressing their views than anywhere else in the world. Notwithstanding the fact that more

from becoming all committed to only one single cause and politicizing the campus. It's immaterial to us which political party you support, but we like that you are active.

CJN: Does TAU fill complementary needs to other Israeli universities?

Dinstein: Some complementary, some competitive, but competitive in the best sense of the term.

Take architecture, which is more complementary. We are going to establish a new school of architecture, the second in Israel, and a Canadian-funded project.

The Technion [architecture] school is derived from engineering. We made a deliberate decision not to start from engineering, although we have a school of engineering.



than half our budget comes from the government. So it's a very unique system today and an exceedingly successful one.

CJN: What type of programs does Tel Aviv University have for overseas students.

Dinstein: At Tel Aviv we emphasize not only the scholastic side but also the social side, because the students who come to Israel do not come merely in order to acquire more erudition. That goes without saying, but the erudition one can acquire elsewhere. What we have to do is to make sure that they mix with Israeli students, that they are able to socialize, that they go on tours and see the country. If they want to mingle with other North American students, they can go to summer camp. They come to Israel, they have got to meet Israelis.

Tel Aviv is the only Israeli university which has a full-fledged medical program in English. It is chartered in the state of New York and designed especially for Americans, although Canadians would be welcome.

CJN: TAU is a multi-disciplinary university. Is there something specific for which it is known?

Dinstein: I think that if Tel Aviv is known for something in particular, it's the fact that the university has its roots in society. It's the very antithesis of an ivory tower university.

It's not coincidental that four professors of ours are in the Knesset. We have two members of the Cabinet. And lest you think that this is a political matter, allow me to assure you that on the Likud we also have two members in the Cabinet.

This is a university that relates to the society within which it lives. We have certain obligations to society that go far beyond mere teaching and research.

We discourage Tel Aviv University professors

We are starting it from the school of performing arts, curiously enough, because what we want to do is to emphasize aesthetics. We are very worried about the fact that the Tel Aviv skyline leaves a lot to be desired. We believe that this is perhaps due to the fact that the architects came from a background of engineering rather than from a background of the arts. In Israel there was no consciousness of the need to beautify the city or the country for many, many years.

CJN: There is another major Canadian project at TAU. Can you tell me about that?

Dinstein: We are establishing what I call a supercentre in brain studies. It will be a supercentre in the sense of breaking the barriers of the traditional disciplinary departments within the university. We have already spent a lot of energy in various directions: within the medical school, the department of psychology, the department of biochemistry, our department of physics, the whole issue of artificial intelligence in engineering and even in the department of philosophy. I could go on. I haven't actually listed them all.

The trouble is that we live in a highly specialized academic ambience where the psychologists do not talk to the physicists, and the biochemists do not follow the scholarly works of the philosophers, and so on.

So the idea is to bring them all together.

I cannot read an article written by one of my colleagues who is in mathematics. But it has always been the case that a lawyer could not read a work in mathematics. The trouble is that we've reached a point where I can hardly read something that is written by a colleague in political science, because even he is using certain jargon which is totally alien to me. That is all very dangerous, and in order to bring people together again, we are going to establish supercentres which will straddle the present schools and

departments.

The second supercentre that I intend to establish relates to ecology. I have people studying the environment in various departments who hardly talk to each other. I have to bring them together.

CJN: Is there some kind of collaboration among universities on these projects, or are they independent projects?

Dinstein: We are always trying to collaborate. The idea here is not to compete in a destructive sense, but to compete in a constructive sense, so that Israel will remain as it is today at the forefront of science. Israel, in scientific terms, is a superpower. That's the way it should remain.

CJN: What are you doing to help cope with the influx of olim?

Dinstein: Tel Aviv University is the leading university in Israel in terms of the absorption of Russian immigrants. I usually say that we are the largest Russian university outside of Russia because so much Russian is spoken on campus. We have more than 1,000 Russian olim on campus. The sheer number is awesome.

We have absorbed more Russian olim amongst our faculty than anybody else. In fact if you take the roster of the old-time Refuseniks and compare it to the roster of our professors, you will find almost all of the big-name Refuseniks on our campus: Voronel, Fine, Breilovsky, Slepak... I could go on.

We had to more than double our music academy because of the influx of the Russian immigrants.

It's the absorption of students, the absorption of scientists, and the undertaking of retraining programs for professionals which we have undertaken in several fields: dentistry, medicine, engineering.

And a unique program in entrepreneurship. The idea is to introduce Russians to the free market economy and make their absorption successful. We have been singularly successful in the first course which ended last year. Every single graduate now has employment, which is almost incredible, given the high rate of unemployment amongst Russian immigrants during the first two years of their absorption.

Incidentally, we also want to teach entrepreneurship to Israelis, because Israel is a country which is too much directed by the government. There is not enough energy percolating from the bottom up. Too much is happening from the top to bottom. What we need is entrepreneurship, North American style.

We also have what is known as incubators where you take a small group of immigrants from Russia, add to them some of our scientists, put in seed money, and allow them to use space in our industrial park, with the hope that they will develop into a meaningful enterprise in a short while. The government subsidizes the program all over the country.

CJN: What message do you bring from Israel for Diaspora Jews?

Dinstein: I do not have to tell you that the whole relationship between Israel and the Diaspora is determined in terms of the success of the relay of the torch, as it were. It's very important to ensure that the leadership here of the various groups that relate to Israel not be removed from the younger generation who are now gradually taking over from their parents.

I'm a great believer in trying to solicit support not only in terms of dollars and cents, but support which is sometimes in kind.

We had an American dentist come to our school for three months to share his experience in the field of implants. He donated something that is perhaps more important than money. He donated three months of his time.

We only wish that there were lots of people like him, because in Jewish life signing cheques is sometimes the easiest way out. You can do it once a year, and thereby feel that you have relieved yourself of any guilty conscience relating to the need to help Jews in distress.

We are encouraging people to come. I'm sometimes appalled when I meet people of affluence here in Canada who haven't been to Israel in five, six or even 10 years, not to mention those who have never been to Israel. To me this is shocking.

I also feel that every Jewish family should make a point of ensuring that their youngsters go to Israel during the period of their formative education, not as tourists in their late 20s, but when they are still teenagers.

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World

Australian-born rabbi finishes Israeli army duty

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO —

Rabbi Mordechai Becher never appreciated the coming of dawn as much as the morning last February while on guard duty at an Israeli army base in the West Bank, and the same base where a few days earlier four sleeping Israeli soldiers had been hacked to death by Arab attackers.

"All night I kept hearing this sound... my night vision is very poor... it was terrifying. It turned out to be a can knocking against a rock. But that was the most appreciated dawn of my life," the 31-year-old Australian-born rabbi and teacher confessed.

Rabbi Becher made aliyah in his mid-twenties and now teaches at the Ohr Somayach Yeshiva in Jerusalem. He is in Toronto for a one-year stint as lecturer at the Ohr Somayach Jewish education and outreach program in Thornhill.

He recently finished four months of army service in Israel and has plenty of entertaining anecdotes about life as a rabbi and mashgiach (supervisor of kashruth) in the Israel Defence Forces.

"When I came back from basic training, I was complaining to my wife about how terrible it was: I had to get up in the night, I had to lug around this M-16 all the time, the meals were always rushed, I always felt dirty... and she said: that sounds just like taking care of a baby." (They have three children under six.)

Rabbi Becher has no nostalgia for those four months, yet he emerged with a strong sense of family and of belonging.

"My first night in Bethlehem I was supposed to sleep in a closed tent, in winter, with two kerosene heaters going, and 20 other guys, all of them

smoking. I started wheezing, and went to the commander and offered to sleep anywhere, anywhere else. He said: 'I don't want you to get sick, rabbi — why don't you go home to sleep.' So the rest of the time I was allowed to sleep at home.

"This does not happen in the U.S. Marines," Rabbi Becher commented wryly.

"I don't need my M-16 to enforce kashruth in the kitchen," Rabbi Becher joked.

He says he found his fellow soldiers respectful of religion. Many of the immigrant soldiers, mostly Russians, who lacked any religious upbringing, had a hunger to learn about Judaism.

Rabbi Becher's stint in the army also lent new meaning to the cliché that Israel's existence is a miracle.

"Some people think that the army is the reason for the miracle of Israel's existence, but when you are actually in the army, when you see it from inside, you really come to see that we survive through miracles," he said.

As an immigrant with a yeshiva deferment, Rabbi Becher came to military life relatively late. How did he feel carrying arms?

"It's an unfortunate situation, but it's also a mitzvah, a positive obligation, to defend yourself."

In fact, one of the most memorable moments during his service was when an elderly Jewish tourist stopped him in a hotel lobby. The bearded Rabbi Becher was wearing his usual kipa and tzitzit, and had the regulation Uzi slung over his shoulder. The old man came up to him and said: "God bless you — it's beautiful to see a Jewish soldier wearing a kipa and tzitzit;" the last time he had seen a Jewish soldier in person was when the concentration camp he was in was liberated.

Employment counsellor urges olim to create job network

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Sometimes North American olim get caught up in the idealism of their move to Israel and forget about the practical side, says the employment co-ordinator of AACI (Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel). Marsha Krieger, who made aliyah seven years ago from New York, was in Toronto recently to speak at the Israel Aliyah Centre about the employment situation in Israel.

Most North American olim want the security of knowing they have a job before they come, said Krieger. The few fields where it is possible to secure a job before moving to Israel include medicine, university level teaching, and high tech companies.

Krieger suggests meeting with potential employers and colleagues on a pilot trip to find out whether your qualifications meet the job market and to learn about job trends, problems and what a typical work day is like. AACI, based in Jerusalem, with counsellors throughout the country, can help you create a network of contacts in Israel.

Krieger advised potential olim who are students to finish their courses before making aliyah. She also noted that most families require two salaries and suggested that spouses who are not working consider what they might do in Israel. It makes sense to get additional training here, she said.

Many people think that aliyah is a good time to change careers, said Krieger, but she advises against it because there are so many other changes going on at the same time.

Krieger also cautioned that, given Israel's tight job market, olim should be prepared psychologically and financially for a job search that can take six months. Almost all North American olim are working after a year, she said.



Marsha Krieger

Lack of fluency in Hebrew may be a reason for underemployment, she said. Krieger stressed that it's important to start working, and "then you can start moving around."

The job search process is very similar in Israel and Canada, said Krieger. Answering ads, networking, and making cold calls are all part of the process.

There is one notable difference in Israel: employers may ask for a handwritten letter, because graphology, or handwriting analysis, is taken very seriously in Israel. Any handwriting analysis is done in the writer's native language. Resumes should be typewritten, but it is acceptable to send a handwritten cover letter from Israel

— employers understand that not everyone has access to a word processor or computer, said Krieger.

"Good fields" for olim include geriatrics (doctors, nurses, administrators, therapists), tourism and hotels, international marketing, trades such as carpentry and plumbing, and finance. Accountants are an exception in the latter field. There was a shortage of accountants about six years ago, explained Krieger, and "everyone went to study accounting," leading to the current glut.

For entrepreneurial olim, Krieger cautions against opening a business right away. She advises working for someone else first, in order to learn the ins and outs of doing business in the Middle East, "before you sink your money into something."

Lawyers have "a mixed record" when it comes to employment, said Krieger, because the profession is so language-dependent. In order to practice in Israel, North American lawyers must take exams and intern for six to 18 months.

Two of the happiest olim Krieger knows are a former lawyer and a former physicist who took government retraining courses, one as a handyman, the other as an appliance repairperson. "They're laughing all the way to the bank," she said.

AACI is a resource for olim and prospective olim, offering services such as short-term emergency loans and counselling on employment, housing and education. AACI is located at 11 Pinsker St., Jerusalem 92228, telephone 02-661181, fax 02-661186.

Radio remarks prompt complaint

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress has laid a complaint with the CRTC over a commentary on The FAN all sports radio station that Congress believes subjects the Jewish community to hatred or contempt.

The complaint arises out of an early morning statement on Sept. 16 by two sports commentators who were discussing the high prices being charged for parking in the vicinity of Sky-Dome during the Blue Jays' pennant run.

According to the letter of Complaint sent to CRTC general secretary Allan Darling, the parking lot owners were described using terms such as "leeches, low lifes and clowns." One of the commentators then said, "I got to believe that somewhere in [Blue Jays president] Paul Beeston's desk, there is a little slip of paper in there that says that Larry Schwartz across the street has made [high pitched whistle]." The whistling suggests a great deal of money, Congress stated.

"Our concern rests with the fact that an obvious form of anti-Jewish stereotyping seems to have occurred," the letter, written by David Satok, Congress' chairman of community relations for the Ontario region, states. "While we ascribe no malice of forethought, certainly the number of calls we have received from members of our community as well as our own reading of the situation clearly suggests that a link can be made between the ugly stereotype of 'Jews and money' with the decision by the commentator to utilize the name 'Larry Schwartz'. In our opinion, there can be no other reasonable assumption for somebody to make."

Satok goes on to suggest that the radio station contravened CRTC broadcast regulations that bar abusive comments "likely to expose an individual or a group or class of individuals to hatred or contempt on the

base of race, national or ethnic origin."

Prior to taking the matter to the CRTC, Congress had called on the radio station to issue a "clear and unequivocal" on-air apology which it declined to do.

Diane Elkas, legal counsel to FAN Radio, said "we will do whatever the CRTC will ask us to do." She said she had not yet heard from the broadcast authority but expected that it will want to hear the station's side of the story.

The CJC was shown a letter to Congress, dated Oct. 19, from Monique Despres, general counsel and secretary of Telemedia Communica-

tions Ont. Inc., parent company of The FAN radio, that said the use of the name Larry Schwartz "was purely random. It was used without malice and without intention to convey an inappropriate racial slur against the Jewish people."

"On behalf of CJCL (The FAN), I wish to assure that we are really sorry if the use of said name in that context has offended some of CJCL's listeners," Despres stated. "Even though we understand your concerns about racial stereotyping, in our opinion, an on-air apology does not seem relevant in the present circumstances."

ANC awash in PLO money Buthelezi tells B'nai Brith

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Nelson Mandela's African National Congress is "awash" in money from the Palestine Liberation Organization and Libyan leader Moammar Khadafi, the head of the ANC's chief rival organization said here last week.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi, head of South Africa's Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and chief minister of the Kwazulu nation, told a B'nai Brith Canada luncheon that the ANC receives "millions" from Arab terrorist organizations.

Buthelezi, who addressed BBC's Institute for International Affairs, was responding to reporters' questions about whether the IFP is funded by the apartheid regime in South Africa.

He allowed that "an official" within the IFP accepted 100,000 South African rand from the government but without the knowledge of higher members.

"What is 100,000 rand? I mean, we don't have money," said Buthele-

zi, who's been at the centre of a controversy revolving around the funding of his party, which has come to be known in the South African media as "Inkathagate."

Straying briefly from his prepared remarks, Buthelezi, head of South Africa's six million Zulus, said he has become "estranged" from his "old friend," Mandela.

Following Mandela's release from prison in February, 1990, Buthelezi said the two talked "like old times." Although Buthelezi denied a deep rift with Mandela, he laid the blame on the recent surge in violence in South Africa mainly on the ANC and its allied South African Communist Party.

Buthelezi said he has "never denied" that members of his party have been involved in violence but added that he has never personally dispatched killing squads.

Prior to his speech, Buthelezi said he has always enjoyed "very close relations" and feels "at home" with South Africa's Jewish community. "The Jewish people are familiar with being treated as lepers."

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Jewish community opening its arms to Sarajevo refugees

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The first of 60 Jewish families from the wartorn city of Sarajevo are expected to arrive in Canada within a matter of weeks as part of an international effort to resettle Bosnian Jewish refugees.

Eleven of the families will arrive in Toronto with 17 others settling among Jewish communities in Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Windsor and Hamilton, said Susan Davis, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS). The remaining 32 families are expected in Canada by the end of February.

Canadian Jewish communities have shown a tremendous response in preparing to welcome the Sarajevo families, she said. The Calgary community has already rented and furnished two apartments for them and shuls in Vancouver are preparing to "adopt" the families that move to the west coast.

Davis said most of Sarajevo's Jews were evacuated from the Bosnian capital about six months ago in an effort mounted by the Joint Distribution Committee. Some were brought to Belgrade, capital of Serbia, others to Zagreb, capital of Croatia.

Most left their homes with virtually only the clothes on their backs. Two of the families moving to Canada suffered further tragedies, Davis said.

The husband of an older woman disappeared when he ventured out of their home to look for food. The same fate befell a young father with two small children when his wife went out to search for food. That was the last time he ever saw her.

In addition to helping the refugees settle in Canada, JIAS will have to provide specially-trained counsellors to help some of the refugees cope with "post-traumatic stress disorder" resulting from their life-and-death experiences in Sarajevo, Davis said.

The vast majority of the Jews coming to Toronto are young couples with two children, said Perry Romberg, executive director of JIAS' Toronto office. "Our mandate is to get them on their feet again... get them housed and get them jobs."

Most are professional people, including doctors, lawyers and engineers, he said. Many are conversant in either English or French.

The first group are expected to arrive from Belgrade, where they were interviewed by Canadian embassy officials.

The second group will arrive from Zagreb.

Canada will welcome 163 Sarajevo Jews in all, Davis said.

JIAS thought long and hard about the placement of the families, Romberg said. Consideration was given to language skills, family reunification, places where they might best find employment and distributing them so no one community is overly burdened in assisting them.

He said the initiative for relocating the Sarajevo Jews in Canada came as a result of the efforts of former Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger.

Scheininger recalls that he had travelled to Yugoslavia in September and November of 1991 to make contact with the Yugoslav Jewish community, the bulk of which is centred in Belgrade and Zagreb. The country's third largest Jewish community at the time was located in Sarajevo.

In April 1992, Scheininger was contacted by the president of the Jewish Federation of Yugoslavia, David El Behari, who asked Congress' assistance in resettling Sarajevo Jews who had requested a move to Canada.

El Behari solicited the assistance of other Jewish communities as well, Scheininger added. (About 800 Sarajevo Jews immigrated to Israel, others went to Spain. Romberg estimates there are less than 100 Jews remaining in Sarajevo now.)

Scheininger said he relayed El Behari's request to JIAS, which worked with Canadian officials to bring the Sarajevo Jews to Canada.

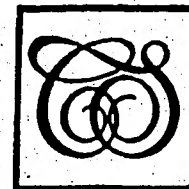
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Ukraine in favor of Mideast peace talks

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El Al, Israel's national airline, secured landing rights in Odessa, while Air Ukraine was given permission to fly to Ben-Gurion Airport. (The Jewish Agency charters planes to ferry Jewish immigrants from Kiev.)

For now, few Ukrainian tourists are expected to visit Israel, given the dire economic conditions prevailing in Ukraine.

But about 12,000 Israeli tourists, many of them Orthodox Jews visiting the graves of their ancestors, are expected in 1992.

Shcherbak said that Ukraine's policy in the Middle East, while friendly toward Israel, will be "balanced."

Ukraine, he explained, strongly supports the current Middle East peace process, and believes that Israel and its Arab neighbors should resolve their problems through diplomatic means.

Ukraine — which voted to repeal the 1975 Zionism-is-racism resolution — backs United Nations' resolutions with regard to Israel's withdrawal from the territories.

"The land-for-peace formula (as enshrined in UN Resolution 242) is a very important principle," he said.

However, he went on to say, Israel's

security concerns, which he described as "most important," must be addressed in any Arab-Israeli settlement.

Shcherbak has been to the Golan Heights, and this visit gave him a keen appreciation of Israel's strategic requirements.

Ukraine has no diplomatic links with the PLO, but Shcherbak described the PLO as "a real political force" which must be taken into consideration in the resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Asked if Ukraine would support the establishment of a Palestinian state, Shcherbak replied that it would not be a party to "anti-Israeli policies."

Ukraine's policy with regard to the Middle East, he emphasized, must be "pragmatic and balanced."

Shcherbak disclosed that Ukraine intends to open an embassy in Egypt, currently the only Arab state maintaining formal relations with Israel.

(According to a late October report in the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*, Iran has shipped military equipment to Hezbollah purchased from Ukraine. The supplies include missiles, rocket launchers, Katyusha rockets, Howitzer guns and mines.)

(The Canadian Jewish News interview with Shcherbak took place before the arms sales report was published.)

Kravchuk pledges support

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

KIEV, Ukraine —

President Leonid Kravchuk of Ukraine hopes to establish the "best of relations" with Israel, says Dmytro Pavlychko, chairman of Ukraine's parliamentary committee on foreign affairs.



Leonid Kravchuk

"The Ukrainian people will always be on Israel's side in its struggle with the Arabs," he declared in an interview after a session of the Supreme Council, Ukraine's highest parliamentary body.

However, Ukraine wants to pursue a policy of neutrality in the Middle East,

said Pavlychko, a member of parliament.

Pavlychko, a writer, visited Israel in September in the company of a delegation of 80 Ukrainian parliamentarians, educators, cultural figures and politicians.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met with the delegates and said that Israel seeks to expand political, cultural and economic relations with Ukraine.

Israel, Pavlychko noted, is a model for Ukraine. "Both Jews and Ukrainians were stateless for so long," he said, implying that Ukraine has much to learn from Israel.

Pavlychko called for close Ukrainian-Israeli economic links. "We are interested in joint ventures with Israel." At present, about 10 such ventures are in operation.

He said that Ukrainian-Israeli military co-operation is a possibility, "not in the sense of an alliance but in the sense of an exchange of technology."

Asked if Ukraine intends to establish relations with the PLO, Pavlychko replied, "This question hasn't been discussed by the government."

Ukraine, he added, wants to forge ties with Arab oil-producing states such as Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. Its traditional supplier, Russia, has become an unreliable source of late.

Ukraine's attitude to the Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, is wholly negative. "We consider Saddam to be a real dictator, and it would be better if he disappeared as soon as possible."

Germany to fight neo-Nazism

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tions, Seitzers said over the weekend. The interior minister told reporters the ban will clearly signal Germany's refusal to accept continued neo-Nazi violence.

Seitzers said the belief that the motivation for violence was economic rather than ideological had been proved wrong over the past few weeks when vandals attacked Jewish memorials and cemeteries.

In a similar vein, the chairman of the German Jewish community, Ignaz Bubis, said Sunday that violence is the first problem to be tackled, not the influx of refugees.

At the same time, a coalition spokesman urged popular pressure to force parliamentary amendment of the constitution to curtail the intake of refugees.

Justice Minister Sabine Leutheus-

er said she supported an "initiative by the people" to force the parliamentary factions in the Bundestag to reach a compromise, in the face of inability by the political leadership to adopt measures consistent with the wishes of a great majority of the Germans.

Meanwhile, the German Catholic Church has issued a statement rejecting the use of violence by the left or the right, and has denounced anti-Semitism and hatred of foreigners.

The statement, issued by the central committee of the Catholic Church in Germany, came as left-wing anarchists fought with right-wing skinheads in three German cities over the weekend. The violence left one person dead and at least six others injured.

The declaration was promptly welcomed by the Jewish community, and a spokesman urged that all German churches unite in a rejection of neo-Nazi violence.

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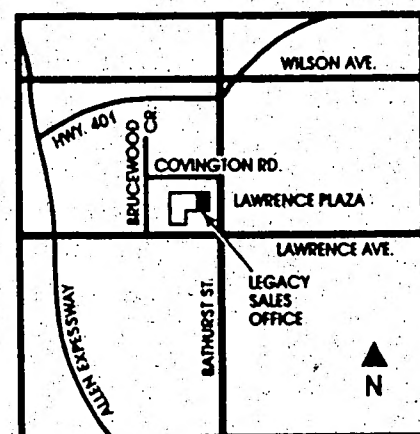


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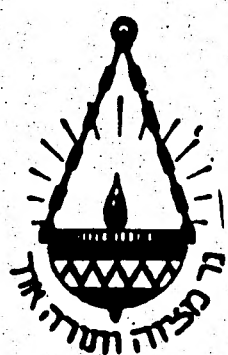
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The News in Brief

Bar-Lev Russian ambassador

MOSCOW — Haim Bar-Lev is Israel's new ambassador to Russia, replacing Arye Levin.

Levin, who took office in October 1991, had been Israel's first envoy to Moscow since the former Soviet Union broke off relations in 1967.

Bar-Lev will bring better political contacts, but less Russian expertise, to the job, which has arguably become Israel's second most important diplomatic post after Washington. He is one of 11 political appointments allowed to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres under an agreement with ministry staff.

The 68-year-old Bar-Lev is a career soldier who served as the Israel Defence Force chief of staff from 1968 to 1972, when the so-called "Bar-Lev Line" of defence was built along the Suez Canal.

Sharon named bank chairman

TEL AVIV — Dr. Emanuel Sharon, former director-general of the ministry of finance, has been named chairman of the board of directors of Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest banking group.

Long one of the principal figures in the Israel economy, Sharon, 63, succeeds the late Prof. Eitan Berglas, Hapoalim chairman since 1985 who passed away recently after a long illness.

Survivors sought

NEW YORK — Survivors of the Mielec forced labor camp in Germany are being sought by the Anti-Defamation League in response to a request from the Stuttgart prosecutor's office in Germany. The call is for persons who could provide relevant information about the camp and testify against Josef Schwammberger, the camp's commandant.

Those with information are asked to contact Elliot Welles, director, the ADL Nazi War Criminals Task Force, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, or prosecutor Kurt Schrimm, Staatsanwaltschaft Stuttgart, Neckarstrasse 145, 7000 Stuttgart 10, Germany.

Riots erupt in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — Just as Jerusalem police were trying to restore quiet in the Old City following a grenade attack there last week that killed an Arab shopkeeper, riots broke out in the western part of the capital.

The demonstrators were not Palestinians but haredim, or fervently Orthodox Jews, who were protesting archaeological digs on alleged gravesites.

The digs are being carried out in the French Hill neighborhood, in an effort to save archaeological findings before a new road is built in the neighborhood.

The haredim have charged that the excavations are desecrating old burial caves.

Eichmann trial translated

TEL AVIV — After 31 years, the task of translating into English the protocols of the trial of Adolf Eichmann has finally been completed.

The first volume of the compilation was submitted by retired Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, who presided at the Eichmann trial.

The English-translation project includes five volumes of protocols, attorney claims and verdicts, as well as seven volumes of documents which were submitted as evidence during the trial in Jerusalem, which took place from April to December 1961.

Ghetto participants sought

TORONTO — The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is looking for men and women who took part in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising or were in the Ghetto during the uprising.

If you are one of the people or you know of someone who was there, please call Prina Spetgang, Holocaust Remembrance Committee at (416) 635-2883, ext. 144.

Begin's grave desecrated

JERUSALEM — Amid controversy over archaeological excavations at an ancient burial site in Jerusalem, vandals have desecrated the grave of Menachem Begin on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Police found a black swastika daubed on the gravestone of the late prime minister after an anonymous caller contacted Israel Radio to say the act was in retaliation for the desecration of burial caves dating to the period of the Second Temple in the French Hill section of the city.

Tensions between government archaeologists and the haredi, or fervently religious, community were further widened following a ruling by the chief rabbis that bones found in the burial caves be reburied together with their coffins.

Support for Magen David

NEW YORK — The president of the American Red Cross is urging that the International Red Cross movement drop its longstanding refusal to recognize Israel's Magen David Adom.

Elizabeth Dole has called on Red Cross societies abroad to "join with us to assure the full participation of the Magen David Adom in Israel" in the international humanitarian agency, the World Jewish Congress reported.

At the same time, both houses of the U.S. Congress have adopted a concurrent resolution calling for inclusion of Magen David Adom as "a legitimate national society of the International Red Cross-Red Crescent Movement."

UN seeks Israel's help

UNITED NATIONS — Israel has been asked to provide the United Nations with experts to help direct and observe democratic elections around the world.

The request, conveyed by UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali to Israeli Ambassador Gad Yaacobi, is only the latest indication that Israel is being permitted to play a normal role in the world body.

Responding affirmatively to the request, Yaacobi pointed out that Israel can contribute special expertise to the advancement of democracy, having educated large numbers of immigrants from non-democratic countries in the ways of elections.

Crime figures released

JERUSALEM — A murder or attempted murder occurs every 48 hours, a car theft every 25 minutes, and a violent crime every half hour, according to a "1992 crime clock" figures released by the Police Ministry.

A crime is committed every 1.5 minutes, ranging from a car theft every 25 minutes, to the robbery of a business every 22 minutes and of a home every 18 minutes, the figures showed.

There is a rape or other sexual assault every 44 minutes, according to the figures.

The ministry also released figures showing that in the first nine months of the year, car accident fatalities jumped 17 percent over the same period last year, from 400 to 451.

\$6 million for Auschwitz

BONN — The German government will provide Poland with \$6 million for long overdue restoration work at the site of the former Auschwitz death camp.

The decision was announced on the heels of a unanimous resolution by the German parliament calling on the government to fund preservation of sites commemorating victims of the Nazis.

The Bundestag specifically cited the need to maintain the Auschwitz death camp in Poland, where over 1.5 million Jews perished at the hands of the Nazis.

Living costs rise slightly

TEL AVIV — Israel's cost-of-living index rose by a low 0.5 percent in October.

The increment was half the one percent rise that had been anticipated by the finance ministry and economists.

The increase was attributed to an 8.2 percent seasonal rise in the cost of fruit and vegetables, a 3.6 percent pre-winter increase in clothing and footwear and a 1.7 increase in housing costs.

Monthly increases since the beginning of the year have amounted to 7.5 percent, and recent figures and forecasts for the coming months indicate an annual inflationary rate for 1992 of about nine percent.

The bureau said it now costs an average family of four a total of \$1,800 to get through the month.

Twenty arrested at soccer match

AMSTERDAM — Police arrested 20 people during a soccer match here after it erupted in anti-Semitic and racist catcalls.

Supporters of the Rotterdam team Feyenoord made hissing sounds to imitate Nazi gas chambers and shouted "Jews" at members of the Amsterdam team Ajax.

Against the background of growing anti-Semitic and racist expressions at European soccer matches, an attempt at a response was made by supporters of both teams, who distributed flyers against racism.

Front Line

There's no miraculous cure to Hezbollah plague

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Amongst the many hot spots on the world map, where developments are unpredictable, the Middle East still ranks high. It remains a favorite subject for commentators — all certified mavens — but nobody can tell whether the one new factor in this region's tormented history, namely the peace process, will change its course. Yet, a full year after the Madrid peace conference, the initiative has not died, despite the efforts of the opponents of any settlement to derail it.

In the unequal rivalry between Israeli and Arab rejectionists, the latter's fanaticism by far outclasses our own brand. Armed with money and ideology by Khomeini's heirs and with guaranteed free passages to paradise in their pockets, the Hezbollah fighters mean business.

We dealt recently with the dilemma that was confronting the Israeli government over the policy to be adopted and chose to forecast restraint, despite insufferable Hezbollah provocation. Later too, Katyusha rockets kept falling and although no human life was lost, the practice of restraint became politically more difficult for Rabin's government. But the prime minister showed patience.

A combination of guided leaks and a well publicized display of firepower together with unrevealed diplomatic steps led to some results. A massive military operation in Lebanon was not started, indicating how much stronger than the natural inclination to teach the fanatical Hezbollah gangs a lesson was the determination to continue the peace process. In my previous column I pointed out that to a part of Israel's public opin-

ion, the use of restraint in dealing with the long-lasting Arab-Israeli conflict is still a new and unusual experience and that for Rabin's government it is a policy that could either make or break it. But — for now — positive thinking seems to prevail.

Is it necessary to explain why there is no miraculous military cure to the Hezbollah plague in isolation from the efforts to reach an overall settlement? The memory of the Lebanese campaign of 10 years ago is still too painful. It cost the lives of 650 Israeli soldiers and left thousands maimed or impaired.

True, it has destroyed the "state within a state" which the PLO had established in the numerous refugee camps in Lebanon, but has not eliminated the organization itself. The Shiite population north of the Israeli-controlled security zone was not unfriendly to Israel during the invasion, but became hostile under the lengthy Israeli occupation and more responsive to Iranian agitation and to intimidation by its Hezbollah stooges.

What was left of the once prosperous Lebanese polity after the civil war is now under total Syrian influence and military control. The key to stability on Israel's northern border is now in Syrian hands. It is clear to anyone who recognizes facts as they are, that Syrian indulgence with Hezbollah terror was also meant to signal to Israel that the solution of the local crisis in southern Lebanon depends on the resolution of the Israeli-Syrian dispute on the Golan.

The fact that under these circumstances Israel not only desisted from marching into Lebanon

again, but continued the peace talks with Syria, means that Rabin still hopes for a comprehensive settlement with Damascus that will cover both fronts: the Syrian-Israeli dispute over the Golan as well as the complicated situation in south Lebanon.

The odds are very complicated, the price could be higher than Israel is now ready to pay, but it may work one day.

On the eastern front — the one discussed in the Israeli-Jordanian negotiations — new elements are likely to encourage what we choose to call positive thinking and controlled reaction to adversity. One of the most urgent problems in this area is water. It can be partially solved only by regional co-operation and international aid. The fact that a Red Sea-Dead Sea canal is now seriously under discussion between Israel and Jordan, even attracting European interest — the Italians have offered to carry out and finance a feasibility test — is an indication of what could be done in peace to help today's enemies.

The plan is also more attractive and more realistic than the defunct project of a Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal. The latter had no real chance of overcoming political and geographical obstacles and was meant to take care of limited Israeli interests only. The new canal is to use the difference between the levels of the two seas, generate electricity, desalinate water and stop the threatening depletion of the Dead Sea minerals — a major source of income to both countries.

Due to the interest now centered on Syria and



Yeshayahu Anug

Jordan, the Palestinian issue has been momentarily relegated to a lesser priority. There are other reasons too. The lack of unity and resolve in the Palestinian camp, manipulated by the PLO, provide no incentives for a bold Israeli initiative in this sector, which nevertheless is too important to be neglected. The territories remain the most sensitive political issue in Israel itself.

But the recent flare up in the north, the way it was handled and the appearance of new prospects vis-a-vis Jordan are slowly affecting Israeli public opinion in many ways and are basically contributing to a general process of realistic soul-searching.

All this takes place during the transition period in Washington, when it is difficult to gauge the degree of future U.S. activism, despite the explicit commitment by Clinton to relentlessly continue the process. It was natural at this time for the parties not to make major decisions vis-a-vis the outgoing administration and this explains the meagre progress of the latest round of the talks held in Washington recently.

But even then, the unglorious episode at the refugee conference in Ottawa, which ended in a curious "compromise" over an issue of limited importance, showed that the United States, with Canadian assistance this time, was active in providing a way out of the impasse.

It seems that we all should now take a deep breath before the contest goes into its next gear. As the new player, President-elect Clinton, is warming up, attention should centre on the two major players: Rabin, the patient skeptic, who wants to give peace a chance, and Assad, the ruthless dictator, who for now acts as if he were eager to succeed in peace where he failed in war.

There's nothing glamorous about being a single mom

By MAGGIE GALLAGHER

Like Murphy Brown I am a journalist and an unwed mother.

After 10 years as an unwed mother and six years of writing about family issues I would like to share my personal recipe for single motherhood.

It is too late for Murphy Brown, but, after all, she's only a fictional character who doesn't matter so much.

But it may not be too late for the many young professional women I interview who are actively contemplating raising children outside of marriage.

If you're thinking of unwed motherhood, it helps to:

- Have relatively affluent parents who got and stayed married themselves. That way you can rely on their marriage, rather than your own, to give your child the emotional and financial emergency support system he or she needs.

- Be able to choose a profession with flexible hours that allows you to take out and work from home, and be sure to get an Ivy League degree first.

- (This one is especially tricky.) Find a boss who doesn't mind if you bring a sick 4-year-old and his dinosaurs to the office, which will happen regularly.

- Accept that, even if you make a good living, you are going to have far less money than anyone you know — except other single mothers.

- Expect to give up all the advantages of single life — freedom, romance, travel — and receive none of the advantages of marriage — emotional, logistical and financial support.

- Prepare for the nights when your child cries himself to sleep in your arms, wondering why his father doesn't love him. (If your child is allowed to express his real feelings, there will be many such occasions.)

In other words, even if you are lucky enough to find yourself in the most privileged circum-

stances, unwed motherhood is a bad bargain, whether planned or unplanned.

When Glamour magazine recently asked its readers to describe "the highs and lows" of being single moms by choice, fully half expressed serious regrets. It is an even worse bargain for the children.

Quayle was right on target when he said that marriage is the best social program ever invented for the protection of children.

The evidence on this is now overwhelming. (To cite only one of many statistics that back up this claim, single mothers are six times more likely to be poor than married mothers are.)

As impressive as the body of evidence is, it doesn't capture the true costs of the collapse of marriage.

Even the many children in single-parent households who grow up with all the material accoutrements of a middle-class family are being deprived of one very precious and irreplaceable thing: a father.

And, as Murphy would find out if she were a real person and not a Hollywood fantasy, children not only need a father, they long for one, irrationally, with all the undiluted strength of a child's hopeful heart.

To raise one's own child without a father may, at times, be a painful and tragic necessity, but it should never be just another life-style option.

Before we can address the real problems single mothers and their children face, we must admit that there is a problem.

We have to stop pretending that all choices are equally good — that single motherhood is just an alternative family form and that fathers are just another new disposable item in the nursery.

(Maggie Gallagher, a senior fellow at the Center for Social Thought, is author of the forthcoming book, *The Abolition of Marriage*.)

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Three non-fiction works prove quite a shock

By ARNOLD AGES

In the course of my reading exercises, which is primarily in non-fiction works, I regularly experience learning, occasionally divertimento and sometimes real intellectual pleasure.

This past month, however, selected contents of three books disoriented me — to the point where I experienced something I rarely do in my encounters with prose. In fact, I was appalled, shocked and genuinely surprised by things which I read.

The first of these responses occurred when I perused with great interest a Festschrift in honor of Emil Fackenheim, the former professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto. Called *Fackenheim German Philosophy and Jewish Thought*, the volume contains ten essays by students and colleagues of Fackenheim who write on various aspects of his general philosophical and Jewish writings.

The idea of the Festschrift is a noble one: former students and colleagues of eminent scholars honor an intellectual mentor by contributing essays (generally laudatory) on the individual himself or in the same intellectual discipline as the honoree.

Nine of the essays in the Fackenheim volume stand within this venerable tradition. Although some of these contributions contain critical remarks, the criticisms are couched in respectful nuances. However, one essay by Gregory Baum is so mean-spirited, so one-sided and so full of venom that I could scarcely believe at first that

it was housed in a volume designed to honor Fackenheim. To rehearse Baum's charges in print would be tantamount to repeating the canards in which he indulges.

The fact that Fackenheim was permitted, in an epilogue, to respond to Baum's outrageous attack, does not, in any way, mitigate the inexcusable bad taste of including the original article. Fackenheim is too much of a gentleman to use the heavy artillery that was necessary to respond to Baum's uncivil charges.

There is a charge of a different nature in another volume which I perused recently with much interest. It comes in a chapter on the Jews of Romania in a new book by Charles Hoffman called *Gray Dawn: The Jews Of Eastern Europe In The Post-Communist Era* (Harper Collins).

This book, by one of Israel's best journalists, is a remarkable chronicle of Jews from the former communist countries who are struggling to regain their equilibrium in the wake of the Nazi era and the communist hegemony which engulfed them after 1945.

It is a melancholic picture in many ways. Hoffman is a very astute observer and in his interviews with Jewish leaders and lay people he paints a realistic if sullen canvas of re-emergent Jewish life in Eastern Europe after communism. His comments on the way in which Jews accommodated themselves to communist regimes in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, East Germany, Bulgaria and Poland are instructive and

enlightening.

What then was the shock I experienced? It took place while I was reading his analysis of the



Arnold Ages

Romanian experience and the role of Rabbi Rosen, the famous rabbinic leader whose co-operation with the Ceausescu government led to the successful aliyah of almost the entire Romanian Jewish community.

Hoffman writes that just before the downfall of the Ceausescu regime, Rabbi Rosen had been experiencing problems with the resident Israel ambassador in Bucharest who resented Rosen's influence and control over aliyah policy and that the two were in deep conflict.

When Ceausescu and his wife were executed after a bloody revolt against communism, Rosen thought it might be appropriate, in view of the alarming presence of Romanian fascists among the insurrectionary forces, to seek asylum in the Israeli embassy.

Hoffman says that when the rabbi made the request of the ambassador, he "waffled, however, and did not give Rosen a clear answer. Sensing rejection, Rosen anxiously looked for another solution. Rosen was eventually given shelter in the American embassy."

Shocking! Another word came to mind, however, as I recently digested Ruth Wisse's formidable book *If I Am Not For Myself: The Liberal Betrayal of the Jews* (Free Press). Wisse, a writer who is a specialist on Yiddish literature (now at Harvard University), is one of this continent's most elo-

quent and informed defenders of Israel.

In her current volume she peppers her analysis with insights that are truly incisive and original. One thinks immediately of her observation that Noam Chomsky's visceral anti-Israelism comes from the MIT scholar's work in linguistics and his view about transformational linguistics.

Wisse's thoughts on the dilemma which anti-Semitism poses for liberal Jews and the way they try to escape its implications by dumping on Israel are magisterial. Equally instructive are her thoughts on the Ethiopian Jewish exodus and her notation that this was the first time that blacks were being brought westward for the first time for reasons other than slavery.

What surprised me in Wisse's book was not her original vector on Jewish affairs (I have come to expect that) but a final chapter in the book which details, at least on the surface, an erotic odyssey which seems totally unconnected to the thesis of her book. The chapter in question has appeared in the November issue of *Commentary* magazine.

It may be, of course, that Wisse is using the imagery and metaphors of the Song of Songs to suggest hidden dimensions in the political discourse about the liberal betrayal of the Jews. If so I must confess to being unable to uncover the hidden message buried in that chapter. In any case, I was surprised and not a little puzzled by the inclusion of this material.

(Arnold Ages, a professor in the French Department at the University of Waterloo, is a specialist in modern intellectual thought.)

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Synagogue desecration no Halloween prank

It is perhaps not accidental that a recent daubing of a synagogue in Winnipeg came on the heels of a recent visit to this country of a Holocaust denier who had been flitting about Canada trying to disseminate his anti-Jewish propaganda.

But the anti-Semitic graffiti which appeared on the wall of the Lubavitch Centre in Winnipeg on the evening of October 31 has justifiably unsettled members of the Jewish community for at least three separate reasons.

First, the Lubavitch Centre does not have markings which would identify it as a Jewish institution. This leads to the assumption that the individual involved in the daubing incident was part of a conspiracy involving others who had specifically researched and targeted a Jewish institution.

Second, the Winnipeg police originally dismissed the anti-Semitic graffiti as a Halloween prank (the daubing occurred on October 31) and were dilatory in investigating the incident. It was only after prompting by members of the Jewish community that the police accelerated their inquiry.

Third, the individual arrested has been charged with causing mischief over \$1,000, a woefully inadequate statute which does not reflect the seriousness of the hate dimension involved in his deed. The Canadian Jewish Congress' Manitoba spokesman is undoubtedly correct in suggesting that the individual involved be charged under section 318 of the Criminal Code. What is involved here is a hate crime.

The Canadian Jewish community has seen more than one of its communal institutions targeted by agents of hate using spray cans to advertise their agenda against Jews.

Desecrations of this kind must not be permitted. Graffiti on synagogues is no prank; it strikes at the very heart of the tolerant society that Canada must support in order to maintain the ethnic and religious equilibrium so vital to a democratic society.

The message to the messengers of hate must be loud, clear and forceful and — backed up with the full force of the law — in Winnipeg, Toronto or anywhere else in Canada.

Computer aids Torah scholarship

In times past the term Torah Scholar was reserved for the individual who spent long hours poring over and digesting the wisdom of Judaism's ancient texts.

In the 1990s, however, the term is used to describe a piece of computer software that promises to revolutionize traditional learning.

Torah Scholar is a program developed by Jeff Milgram and features the Hebrew text of the Pentateuch with a line by line English translation, Rashi's commentary, a concordance and an integrated archive of 100 illustrations. In the Macintosh version, the program also possesses a recording feature that can read the text and sing it according to the proper cantillation patterns!

The Jerusalem Post reported that Milgram's program offers a variety of fonts, including the Rashi script, and a list of the Taryag mitzvot — all 613 of them with an instant cross-reference mechanism. If that were not enough, Torah Scholar also provides a gematria matrix which will give the numerical value of every Hebrew letter, according to "any of seven systems."

Technology is wonderful and no Luddite response should be permitted to obstruct the arrival of so marvellous a tool for facilitating Torah study. The new software will permit young and old to range over the text of the Torah with speed and organizing skills undreamt of by past generations. The ability to use the program for thematic analyses will provide a boon for Bible researchers, rabbis and scholars in general.

Still, one hopes that with this advanced computer tool, Jews will not lose the distinction which has always existed in Jewish life between the "bukh" — ordinary mundane books and the "sefer" — books of religious significance. As we read the Torah scrolls during synagogue services and recall the phrase "People of the Book," it might be necessary to remind ourselves that the scrolls and the book in question are the product of an old technology which has served the Jewish people well.



VANDALS STRIKE CEMETERY

Unknown vandals painted swastikas on gravestones in a Jewish cemetery in the eastern Austrian town of Eisenstadt recently. The slogan on the central gravestone reads, "Out with foreigners." [RNS photo Reuters]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

THE TOMAHAWK CHOP

I find it remarkable that Murray I. Teitel can be so indignant at the "overt racist behavior" reflected in the "Tomakawk Chop" (CJN, Nov. 12) and at the same time use language like "low grade moron."

Is handicapism more acceptable than racism?

Judith Sandys
Toronto

REAL PEACE NEEDED

Real proven peace in the Middle East is the dream of all Israel. Land, land, land is all the Arab leaders talk about and they lost when they attacked Israel hoping to destroy her. Land lost in a war of aggression doesn't have to be returned. An aggressor nation should not be rewarded for losing land they brought upon themselves by attacking another country.

However, for real and proven peace, something may be done. The Arabs don't seem to understand what real peace means. As a Canadian, let me explain the meaning of real peace. Real peace is what exists between Canada and the United States.

Translating this concept of peace to Israel and Syria, it would mean that Jews, Druze and Arabs could remain living in the Golan no matter where the final boundary is drawn. It means there would be no armies on the border — only government inspectors. It means that people could travel between Damascus and Jerusalem the same way as we go from Toronto to Buffalo.

Goods and services would move between both countries in the same manner as they move between Canada and the United States; and like our two countries, both Syria and Israel will have democratically elected governments, governments that can trust each other and prove the reality of peace.

For the Arabs, this is really a change in attitude, and if they don't find Israel forthcoming, they can always revert back to the way they are now. But if Israel gave land first and then finds the Arabs reneging on "real peace," can they get the land back?

Real proven peace must come first. After that, borders can be altered and people don't have to move.

David Smith
Toronto

DIALOGUE IS NEEDED

As a Polish-born Catholic I do agree with Dr. Joel Dimitry that "Jews have a legitimate grievance against Poles" (Case against Poland, CJN, Oct. 3), not only during the reign of the king Casimir the Great, but also today regarding one-sided and biased exhibits in the State Museum of Auschwitz.

It is also an historical fact that Franciscan priest Maximilian Kolbe, canonized by Pope John Paul II, did indeed publish a monthly bulletin *Rycerz Niepokalanej*, Knight of Holy Mary, where sometimes articles criticizing Jews appeared.

However the editorial policy of CJN is correct in presenting to its readers letters like Unfair to Poland by M. F. Poskocil. Our organization of Christians and Jews of Alberta feels that healthy dialogue and self-criticism might open doors to better understanding.

After my September, 1992 visit to Auschwitz, where I delivered a 62-person bus to establish transportation between the museum and Birkenau (the main financial donor was Mrs. Gerda Frieberg of Toronto), I spent four days with five different groups of Jewish and non-Jewish students from Frankfurt, Germany. I was very impressed with their dedication to the Holocaust.

These students, who travel often to Poland (1½ hour flight), will be demanding at the International Conference in Oswiecim in January, 1993, that a complete overhaul is required of the International Auschwitz Committee, which is dominated by Polish government officials and is dragging its

feet on proper recognition of the Jewish victims.

Sigmund Sobolewski
Vice-pres. Auschwitz Awareness Society
Fort Assiniboine, Alberta

A GREAT CANADIAN

Monna Zentner's courage to expose Michael Rothe and alleged historian David Irving reminds me we must never ever tolerate the hate-mongers to go unchallenged for a second.

Monna Zentner personifies my idea of what it is to be a great Canadian.

Mendelson Joe
Toronto

TRUE NATURE OF JUDAISM

In the Nov. 12 CJN, the article by Nechemia Meyers, Funeral for a special person, expresses the true nature of Judaism, to appreciate, respect and contribute to the Jewish culture, towards its growth and betterment for Jewish and non-Jewish peoples.

To be a Jew is not to separate us from the other people, nor make one better than the other. Rather, the Jewish person has an obligation towards the improvement of all people, whatever the nationality or religion.

This, in my opinion, is what is meant by the "chosen people," chosen to be social contributors and enhancers of the positive aspects of our society.

The respect and admiration for Mary Montgomery expresses this new direction in Jewish philosophy.

As in biblical times, let the Jewish people lead the way in positive human relations. Contribute to the unifying qualities of human nature, opposing destructive ideas of isolation.

Howard A. Gontovnick
Montreal

J.B. still celebrating

What can you do with these youngsters? J.B. Salsberg called in to say that he was still celebrating his 90th birthday and would CJN readers please forgive him, but he wouldn't have his column this week. Heard over the laughter and music in the background were his words: "I'm trying to get to my typewriter."

Unusual approach used for circumcision

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Unnatural Circumcision. From Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva comes news which is both of general and, to me, of personal interest.

A 14-year-old boy from the former Soviet Union who had immigrated to Israel underwent circumcision. That in itself is not particularly newsworthy, but the boy had a particular blood condition which made the ordinary procedure inadvisable. Consequently Dr. Shlomo Wallfish, professor at the university, circumcised the boy by laser surgery in order to avoid the risk of hemorrhaging.

Wallfish undertook the procedure after consulting with halachic authorities and received permission for this unusual approach, which reduced bleeding to a minimum. Young Alexander Wolk said afterwards that he had felt hardly any pain.

His circumcision may indeed set a precedent which, while it is of general interest, has a personal interest for me as well. For Wallfish is a

distant cousin of mine, a most personable professional who a few years ago spent some time in Toronto at the General Hospital.

Ethiopian Jews. A book by Professor Steven Kaplan entitled *The Beta Israel in Ethiopia: From Earliest Times through the 20th Century*, challenges the old belief that Ethiopian Jews trace their beginning to ancient days when the Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon.

The Hebrew University professor argues that Ethiopian Jewry originated in the first and second centuries of the common era when there was a migration of Jews from Israel via the Arabian Peninsula. Their coming, said Kaplan, introduced Hebrew and Aramaic elements into the ancient Ethiopian language, Gees, although today there are few traces left.

As for the Ethiopian migrants' Jewishness, which was occasionally doubted in modern times,

Kaplan produces proof that rabbinical authorities some 400 years ago determined that Ethiopian Jews were indeed Jews in every respect.



Rabbi Plaut

Death of an activist. Not long ago, the media reported the death of Joseph Rauh Jr., at age 81. Rauh had been for more than a generation America's leading activist in liberal causes. He was the founder of Americans for Democratic Action, a strong supporter for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and during the early '50s took on Senator Joseph McCarthy, the country's hunter of Communists. During World War II he served with General MacArthur and was decorated with the Distinguished Service Star.

It is fair to say that Rauh, a former Cincinnati who had made Washington his home, was one of those who helped to bring about the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

After 50 years in Washington he was quoted by the *New York Times* as saying: "Other people may have made more money, but no one had more fun." He was very modest about himself, but in addition to having fun he also became one of the country's chief advocates of social justice. I would like to think that much of what he stood for stemmed from his Jewish tradition.

Fundraising. People are familiar with palindromes — words which read the same way in either direction (the term stems from the Greek palindromos, "running back"). The best known example in English is the phrase, "Madam, I'm Adam."

Of course this linguistic phenomenon exists as well in other languages, including Hebrew. At this time, when fundraising is on the minds of the leadership of the community, it is well to recall that the Torah's command *v'natnu* ("and they shall give") is a Hebrew palindrome. The rabbis already noticed this and said it was no coincidence, for those who give truly receive in return.

Clinton should reverse anti-Israel policy

By SHMUEL KATZ

A poor Jew in the shtetl once appealed to his all-knowing rebbe for help. His tiny home was so terribly overcrowded that it had become unlivable for him, his wife and his seven children. The rabbi's advice was terse: to take the family's goat into the house. The petitioner was completely bewildered — but "the rebbe had spoken." He dutifully added the goat, in all its aspects, to the congestion.

But when, after a couple of days, the agony had become unbearable, he went back to the rabbi in anguished incoherence. Once more the rabbi's advice was terse: "Take the goat out of the house" — and the goat was removed. The next day the man, all smiles, came to thank and bless the rabbi for the wonderful advice. How comfortable, how spacious his house had become.

And so a deep sigh of relief went up among Jews and friends of Israel at the deliverance wrought by the American presidential election: the American people had dismissed Mr. Bush and Mr. Baker. There was indeed cause for celebration in the accession of the good Bill Clinton.

But, "the morning after," sober consideration of the prospects in the new administration recalled the evils of previous administrations before Bush, especially that of Carter and his team — and therein lay ample cause for disquiet.

Of course President-elect Clinton has the power to dissipate such disquiet. His immediate post-election pronouncements, however, suggest that while the hostile and vulgar features of the Bush-Baker combination are utterly unthinkable, the essentials of their pro-Arab bias are to be maintained.

Mr. Clinton knew how to be unequivocal in his promise of drastic change in domestic policies. So what else could he mean when he announced that in foreign policy there would be "continuity"? The Bush policy without Bush?

We who face that prospect must understand that the Bush policy has in essence been a continuation of the traditional doctrine of the State Department — escalated, sharpened, but with its gut composition unchanged. A graph reflecting State Department policy toward Israel and Zionism — will show a line with zigs and zags, with ups and downs, but its thrust constant, since the days of World War I.

Even after official American acceptance, the State Department remained opposed to the Balfour Declaration of 1917. It worked — in 1921-22 — against approval of the Palestine Mandate providing for the reconstitution of the Jewish National Home. In 1947, only at the last moment was it prevented (by President Truman) from voting against the UN partition scheme which called for the creation of a Jewish State. That, and much more, is history.

For us, it is enough to recall the more recent elements of U.S. policy which, if consummated, would help to bring the Arabs within reach of their unchanging objective: the elimination of the Jewish state.

If Mr. Clinton is not conscious of the reality of that threat, he does not need to travel far in order to find plenty of Arab testimony, and manifestations of official American encouragement of the progress of that threat. A chilling example was provided six months ago by the State Department.

After three whole days of mulling over a journalist's loaded question, it announced its support

for UN Resolution 194, which called for returning the so-called Arab "refugees" to Israel. This reflects the climactic Arab demand: when Israel will have been squeezed into the 1949 Armistice lines, its territory is to be flooded by an influx of "refugees." President Nasser of Egypt, in the Fifties, told the Arabs this would be the way to destroy Israel "from within."

Let Mr. Clinton then go back a little and examine the "Reagan Plan" of 1981, which brought out into the light the State Department's masterpiece: "partial peace" (imagine — peace on alternate days?) for partial withdrawal; total peace for total withdrawal.

No less significant is the fact that the disappearance of Israel from the map is seen by some State Department officials as a likely outcome of the conflict. It is difficult to demonstrate the accuracy of this statement; but if Mr. Clinton were to follow the example of ancient potentates, adopt a suitable disguise and mix socially with a sample of State Department officials, he would doubtless, as a decent person, be startled by what he heard.

An example? Some years ago, Prof. Eugene Rostow, a former undersecretary of state, told me how startled he was, at a cocktail party during an international conference in Brussels, to hear an American diplomat describe Israel as a "passing phenomenon," and the reaction of a kind Belgian lady that she hoped that, this time, the refugees would be treated better.

People often ask whether the Israeli leaders do not know all this. Don't they understand? Don't they know that the so-called peace process is seen by the Arabs — and some Americans — as a process only for surrender by Israel of territory and sovereignty? Long experience of the minds of

politicians, and even of their constituents, suggests that what is needed is an in-depth psychological study.

But we do have historical examples. I was in London in September 1938 and saw and heard the crowds in the streets (who knew all about Hitler) cheering Chamberlain on his return from Munich; and three days later the jeering crowd of members in the House of Commons shouting down Churchill who was trying to tell them the bitter truth.

Why go back to Chamberlain? Take Bush. Did he know what he was doing when he coddled Saddam Hussein? But why even Bush? Why not our own Chaim Weizmann, who for nearly 30 years had had experience with Arab attitudes and behavior, and yet in 1947 announced his belief that a "territorial compromise," with the Jews getting a puny piece of indefensible territory, would bring peace?

Weizmann's modern-day successors are making the same blunder about the Arabs, and every passing day emphasizes its nature and its dangers more sharply.

In fairness, it must be said that a majority of the people of Israel are not deceived; and even Labor's razor-thin electoral victory was achieved only because of domestic problems. Which underlines why Rabin has certainly no mandate for his headlong, reckless policy of scuttle; and why public opposition to his policies should be hastened, co-ordinated and persistent.

That is why too our friends in the United States should try to reach President-elect Clinton and his advisers, with a request that he should not simply adopt an automatic "continuity" but study seriously the problems common to our two countries, before he decides on a policy. —JPFS

U.S. election a turning point for us

By ELAINE KAHN

My husband and I have always agreed that the birth of our daughters almost 14 years ago was the event that ended our childhood. One morning we just realized "Ohmigod, we're the adults now" and that was that.

I'd sometimes wondered what event, aside from the death of parents, is that kind of defining moment for people without children. A possibility came to me the morning after the U.S. election, as I really let sink in the fact that two people of my generation now head the government of the most powerful country in the world.

We're the adults now. Ohmigod!

I truly hadn't let the generational factor influence me during the campaign — Dan Quayle is stunning evidence that being a babyboomer does not automatically grace one with wisdom, and regular readers know I don't exactly view Pierre Trudeau as a doddering old fool. John Kennedy appealed to my generation not because he was chronologically of it, but because he was briefly able to speak to its ideals.

And change for change's sake has never appealed to me — I've always preferred spending my money on one good item that lasts.

But now the election's over, I find the transition of power to my generation tremendously exciting, though, like many of my friends, I am taking as strong a wait-and-see attitude as I can muster under the circumstances.

All the initial changes have been seemingly cosmetic, but aren't without value. For example, I think it's a very good thing that Clinton's drugs, draft and sexual escapades surfaced before the election and yet didn't keep him out of the White House.

It means his opponents and the media won't have to waste precious time digging that stuff up now, keeping them from more serious duties. I'd like to think it even means we've developed a slightly more grown-up understanding of what true corruption is and isn't, but that would be pushing it.

Also, there's already a change in high level political language. Such changes seem superficial only to those who don't understand how powerful words are.

Every time during the campaign that George Bush, the self-proclaimed "environmental president," tried to denigrate Al Gore by calling him "the ozone man," my stomach turned. Now I think Gore could use "ozone man" as a badge of honor — in any case, it's likely people will think twice now before dismissing environmentalists as "flakes." Wouldn't be prudent.

And AIDS is finally in the White House vocabulary — so it's unlikely President Clinton will ignore the AIDS quilt next time it comes to Washington, as both Reagan and Bush, shamefully, did.

The entire socially-conscious vocabulary of the Sixties (albeit filtered through yuppie jargon) may be back with a vengeance (although the social activism it was meant to serve will undoubtedly be

delayed by the immediate need to create jobs).

I just hope the resurrection doesn't include "groovy" or anything that is anyone's "bag." They died, along with white lipstick, for good reason.

It's important to remember, and to make sure our kids realize, that the Clintons, like most of us boomers, aren't, and weren't, hippies. I understand from my kids that wrong as this may be, among their peers, "hippie" is a term of great hilarity, connoting idiocy.

For heaven's sake, the Clintons are lawyers! How totally apt for the first boomer White House couple — not only did I toy with becoming a lawyer myself, but there was a time in the early Seventies where it seemed everyone I knew was either becoming one or thinking about it.

This new White House is also influenced by many of the movements and "isms" that have come up since the Sixties, not all of them as "progressive" as they once seemed. Multiculturalism, for example, seems in danger of turning into a repressive monster, both here and in the United States, a far cry from the positive bridge-building device I'd hoped it would be.

The Clinton era isn't even going to sound like the Sixties, as the guitar gives way to the sax and current mega-group U2 is considered possible entertainment for the inaugural. And a cookie bake-off between Hilary and Barbara during the election was the only mention of flour power.

Still, this transition of generational might could

turn out to be a big time stuff, assuming Clinton and Gore provide the particular kind of ideological leadership they've promised and the boomers come out of their cocoons to back them up and help them really make the kinds of changes we once believed possible. It is a far more serious "We're Number One" kind of thing than the Blue Jays' World Series win ten days earlier. Isn't baseball after all, just a game?

Okay, so maybe it's more like a religion. But it's seasonal, and I like religion to be part of my daily life.

My religion says you should be an optimist. Well that, very unfortunately, seems to go against my nature. And my nature was not helped by years of a profound disappointment in my generation that sank in as North American Sixties' idealism turned into frantic and wasteful consumerism and a mass selfishness and pessimism so deep that all current "isms" and pop psychologies want us to think of ourselves as victims of one sort or another.

In some circles, if you say you're sure you weren't in some way abused as a child, you're automatically branded as being "in denial" and it's hinted that your definition of "abuse" is too narrow. My refusal to buy into this has already cost me a couple of friendships.

And, according to current wisdom, we all have to find and hang onto our "inner child" at all costs. Taking responsibility for ourselves and our miserable world is apparently too much for (largely middle class boomer North American) us to bear.

But guess what, kiddies? We're the adults now.



Elaine Kahn

Features

German doctors supported Hitler

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

The medical profession in Germany avidly supported Hitler and was deeply implicated in Nazi Germany's crimes against humanity.

These were the major themes that emerged from a recent symposium and exhibition on medicine in Germany from 1918 to 1945 — *The Value of the Human Being* — which took place at the University of Toronto. It was jointly sponsored by the U of T's Centre for Bioethics and the Goethe Institute of Toronto.

The statistics are incriminating. Nearly half of all German doctors — 45 percent, to be precise — became members of the Nazi party. Almost one-third belonged to the SA — a paramilitary Nazi strike force — and 7 percent were members of the dreaded SS.

During the Third Reich, the conference was told by Dr. Rolf Winau of the Free University of Berlin, the doctor-patient relationship changed radically. As a result of Nazi pressure, medical ethics demanded that doctors treat not only individuals, but the Volk, the German nation, to ensure "a healthy (Aryan) race."

Michael Kater, a York University historian, also discussed this point. "Collective health" was defined in racial terms and, therefore, Jewish doctors, who had played an important role in German medicine, were gradually banished.

But Jews were not the sole victims of the Nazification of German medicine:

- The Sinti and Roma people, otherwise known as gypsies, were considered "asocial half-castes," and relegated to the margins of German society.

- Germans of partially black origin were forcibly sent to hospitals for sterilization.

- Under the euthanasia program, some 200,000 psychiatric patients were murdered. Protests by the Catholic church brought the program to a brief standstill, but it was resumed on a decentralized basis.

- Concentration camp inmates were the objects of gruesome medical experiments that doomed them to agonizing deaths. Dr. Josef Mengele — the Angel of Death — plied his evil craft in Auschwitz.

Deeply-ingrained anti-Semitism, together with the growing acceptance and dissemination of racial theories from the 19th century onward, laid the groundwork for the Nazification of German medicine.

Dr. Winau pointed out that the Nordic supremacy doctrines of Frenchman Joseph Gobineau and Briton-Houston Stewart Chamberlain accelerated the development of "racial hygiene" and "negative eugenics."

Kater described the difficulties faced by Jewish doctors in the period before World War I.

At the professorial level, Jewish scholars couldn't aspire to university chairs unless they converted to Christianity. Citing an example, Kater noted that at the University of Kiel Jewish professors with even one Jewish parent could not

expect to be promoted to the rank of full professor.

Despite these obstacles, Jewish medical practitioners were generally held in high regard by their patients. Yet their success bred hatred, Kater said.

Anti-Semitic doctors circulated the canards that they treated medicine "like a business," that they sexually preyed on German women, and that they practised quackery.

During World War I, Kater added, Jewish doctors in the army encountered great difficulty in attaining officer rank. It was said that Jews were incapable of fulfilling the Prussian concept of manhood.

Conditions for Jewish physicians improved during the Weimar Republic. But with the rise of National Socialism in 1933, Jewish doctors felt the sting of rejection and ostracization.

In March and April of 1933, Nazi doctors and SA troops stormed public hospitals, university clinics and health authorities, expelling their Jewish colleagues.

The Nazi Physicians' Association placed an ad in the *Völkischer Beobachter* which read: "No profession is as Jew-ridden as the medical profession. Jewish doctors control the professorships... take the spirit out of the medical art and have imposed (on it) a mechanistic spirit."

Jews were expelled from the profession in stages. At first, they were ousted from medical insurance programs. Finally, in September 1938, on the eve of Kristallnacht, they were decertified.

Economic envy was one reason why so many

German doctors turned on their Jewish colleagues. By 1932, Kater explained, there was a surplus of doctors in Germany. But their attitude was also inextricably linked to tradition of Judeophobia. Indeed, he noted, German doctors helped draft the 1935 Nuremberg Law, which limited the civil rights of Jews and prohibited marriages between Jews and non-Jews.

Kater estimates that upwards of 6,000 Jewish doctors were expelled from the profession, that 5 percent committed suicide and that close to 2,000 perished in the Holocaust.

At the 1946-47 Nuremberg war crimes trials, 23 doctors, SS officers and administrators who had taken part in unethical medical experiments and euthanasia murders were tried. Seven were found not guilty.

In general, the postwar medical profession in Germany tried to suppress its links with the Nazis.

"There was a reluctance to come to terms with what had happened," acknowledged Dr. Eduard Seidler of the University of Freiburg.

Theologians and philosophers — not doctors — were the first to address the question of ethics in medicine during the Third Reich.

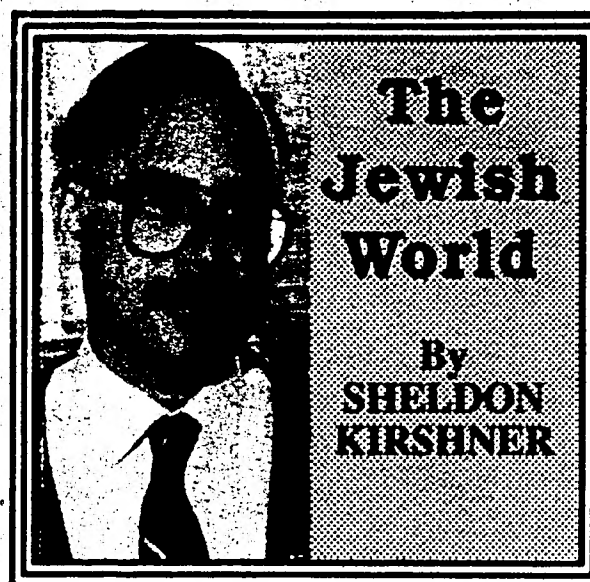
After the war, German doctors were at pains to deny the past, Kater charged.

"Nazi crimes that were acknowledged were attributed to deviants rather than doctors who had gone astray."

Of late, however, some younger German doctors have attempted to face the past with unblinkered courage.



Jews in a concentration camp. Some German doctors, such as Josef Mengele, conducted experiments on Jews.



Books of general Jewish interest...

Four hundred thousand Jews from the former Soviet Union have immigrated to Israel since 1989. But for years, the gates were more or less closed. In *The Struggle for Soviet Jewish Emigration, 1948-1967*, (Cambridge University Press, no price listed), Israeli academic Yaacov Ro'i deftly traces the development of this process.

Students of Christian-Jewish relations will find much of value in John Edwards' *The Jews in Christian Europe 1400-1700* (Routledge, no price listed). Edwards focuses his attention on the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, the Renaissance, the Reformation, the counter-Reformation and the experience of Jewish communities in Holland, the Holy Roman Empire and Poland.

Paula Hyman, a professor of modern Jewish history at Yale, examines the impact of modernity on a traditional Jewish community in *The Emancipation of the Jews of Alsace* (Yale University Press, no price listed). Drawing on a wealth of documents, Hyman produces a first-class study.

Since World War II, some two million Jews from Eastern Europe and the Middle East moved to safe havens in Israel and North America. Tad Szulc, a seasoned foreign correspondent, tells this extraordinary story in *The Secret Alliance* (Harper Collins, \$27.95).

They were pioneers, these American Jews who became the first professors of humanities in U.S. universities. In *Jews in the American Academy, 1900-1940* (Yale University Press, \$35 U.S.), Susanne Klingenstein chronicles the careers of such luminaries as Leo Weiner, Harry Wolfson and Lionel Trilling.

Publishers' cornucopia

Niels Bohr was one of the seminal figures in 20th century science. Descended from Danish Jews, he provided mathematical descriptions of the structure of the atom and the nucleus. In *Niels Bohr's Times* (Oxford University Press, \$42), biographer Abraham Pais painstakingly dissects his life and work.

Michael Marrus, one of Canada's most distinguished historians, acquits himself admirably with *Mr. Sam* (Penguin, \$35), the most complete biography of the Montreal businessman and philanthropist Samuel Bronfman. Bronfman was a complex man, but he is not too elusive for Marrus' skills as a researcher and stylist.

The Un-Canadians (Lester, \$18.95) tells of the U.S.-inspired anti-Communist McCarthyist witch hunt which rolled across this country ominously in the 1940s and 1950s, ravaging countless lives. Among its victims were a number of Jews, notably J.B. Salsberg and Ted Allan. The author is Len Scher, whose own father was affected by the blacklisting.

Ruth Gruber, a veteran journalist who reports for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, became a foreign correspondent for the *New York Herald Tribune* at the age of 23. Reporting from Stalin's Soviet Union, Gruber compiled an enviable record. Her pungent memoirs of that period are contained in *Ahead of Time* (McGraw-Hill Ryerson, \$29.95 U.S.), which is eminently readable.

Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden helped save Jewish concentration camp inmates during the Holocaust, yet was assassinated by Zionist zealots in 1948. Ted Schwartz draws a multifaceted portrait of Bernadotte in *Walking with the Damned* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, \$25.50).

How have contemporary German filmmakers come to terms with the Third Reich? Anton Kaes explores this theme in a fascinating volume entitled *From Hitler to Heimat* (Harvard University Press, \$12.95).

Lee Miller was a great World War II photographer. Her sharply-etched impressions of Hitler's Germany, on the eve of its demise and in the wake of its ignominious defeat, are caught in a handsome coffee-table book, *Lee Miller's War* (Little, Brown, \$53).

Well worth acquiring is *Chronicle of the Year 1991* (Raincoast, \$14.95), whose coverage of the Gulf War, among other events of Jewish concern, brings back a flood of memories.

Lavishly illustrated, *The Kingfisher Children's Encyclopedia* (Thomas Allen, \$39.95) contains a wealth of information on topics of general and Jewish interest. An ideal Chanukah gift.

Croatia wants ties with Israel

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Croatia, engaged in a fierce struggle with its Serbian neighbors, has called on Israel to establish diplomatic ties and to extend it military aid.

"Both countries are losing by not establishing formal relations," Gojko Susak, Croatia defence minister, told *The Jerusalem Post* in an almost two-hour-long interview, his first with the Israeli media.

Expressing fears of terrorist infiltration into Croatian territory, Susak said that he would like to see Israel both train and arm Croatian commando units. "We are specifically interested in Uzi submachine guns and Israeli-manufactured mortars," he said.

But he added that he would like to request other types of weapons as well. Croatia is looking to the West and wishes to westernize its army, which has relied until now predominantly on arms from the Eastern bloc.

Susak said he was aware that Israel could do nothing until such time as the international arms embargo against the Zagreb government is lifted. Nevertheless, he was hopeful that a Croatian mission would be able to visit Israel to investigate possibilities of co-operation.

Consular relations could follow, perhaps even next month, he added, noting that the United States, Canada and almost all of Europe have already established diplomatic ties with Zagreb.

Zagreb's small Jewish community — which formally totals some 1,500 members — is "working on improving relations," he added. The Jews,

who are well woven into the fabric of that country, could therefore serve as a bridge with Israel.

Asked what Israel could expect in return, Susak said: "Our economies are mutually compatible, and we have an excellent shipbuilding industry which could interest Israel."

Croatians have always dreamt of independence — in much the same way, Susak pointed out, as the Jews dreamt of establishing an independent state in Israel. During the interview, he drew parallels between Israel and Croatia.

One such parallel is the threat of Islamic fundamentalism which he sees becoming a reality in Bosnia. "There are already some 110,000 Bosnian Muslim students in Cairo," he said, adding that Catholic Croatia was "in a very difficult situation with fundamentalist countries such as Iran and Libya." President Franjo Tudjman is adamant about taking an independent line and not giving in to Muslim pressure, he said, adding, "Can you imagine a fundamentalist state in the heart of Europe?"

The 48-year-old Susak, who has a formal education in mathematics and physics, returned to Croatia from Canada where he had spent 20 years, to participate in his country's war. He met Tudjman in Canada, where he was active in the Croatian Independence Party, and was asked by the president to join the election campaign which brought the party to power.

From there, his rise was meteoric and he is considered the most influential man today in Croatia after Tudjman.

Despite the ongoing war, there is no general

conscription. "I would rather lose some military encounters than wipe out an entire generation," Susak said. For this reason, those fighting on the Croatian side are all volunteers. He noted that the number of Jews who have volunteered is not lower, proportionately, than that of the Catholics.

Local Jews, too, tend to make a point of their loyalty to the Croatian cause. This is not a community which thinks in terms of immigration. Time after time, they will say: "We are Croats first, and then Jews."

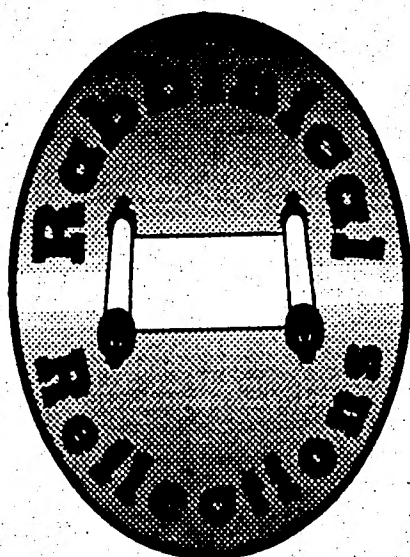
If this approach is true as well for the Jews of Bosnia, it has not affected the Croatian assistance to them. Susak has openly backed rescue operations for the Jews of Bosnia. "It is not their conflict and they have the right to leave," he said.

"When I was told that the Jews of Sarajevo would like to bring the centuries-old Jewish artifacts here from their synagogues for safekeeping, this spurred me on to help them."

In August 1991, a bomb exploded outside the Jewish community centre in Zagreb. No one was killed but the building suffered heavy damage. "One of our biggest challenges is to find the perpetrators," Susak said. "Two days ago, I received a report from the Interior Ministry informing me that six or seven suspects are being interrogated."

"My feeling is that the perpetrators belong to other nationalities or that they were Croats opposed to independence. They were well-organized and funded." Meanwhile, the centre — which houses a synagogue, library and luxurious club — is flourishing. It was rebuilt with a \$2 million loan from the Croatian government.

Jewish Life



By RABBI WILFRED SHUCHAT

One of the haunting lines of the recent High Holidays is the phrase "our Father, our King, send us not away empty-handed."

What does empty-handed mean? It might mean the hope that our prayers do not go unanswered. It might further express the possibility that our life conditions do not remain in the same rut. For those who are unemployed, or lonely, or racked by disease or below the poverty line, it might imply a plea that there be some improvement and that they be left with the same indispositions.

As a matter of fact this theme resonates in our daily prayers as well — "That our labor be not in vain (empty) and the children we bear not be lost in confusion." Just about the worst thing that can happen to anyone is to spend their lives in exhausting work only to discover that it was all wasted, or to bring up children who would betray one's ideals.

Before looking for an antidote to these dismal reflections let us see whether we can find a concept that would be the very opposite to the idea of empty-handedness.

In the sixth chapter of the *Ethics of the Fathers* one of the attributes of a good person is "that life becomes worthwhile to him (or her)." This sense of worthwhileness is the most important ingredient of the human equation. It makes everything else possible and desirable — even the greatest of sacrifices. This sense of worthwhileness only occurs when meaning and significance can be found in the things we do. The search for this meaning should be our greatest concern.

In Judaism it is with the Torah and its intellectual parameters that we take our start in this search for meaning. While this effort, if taken seriously, is a life-long engagement, there is at least one teaching that can, with profit, be inserted at this moment. Commenting on the verse "For it [The Torah] is no empty thing to you" (Deut. 32:47) the sages of the Talmud add their own special accentuation — "and if, indeed, it seems to be empty, know that it is to you — meaning, because of you."

Does that mean that all the terrible things that happen to us in life are because of us? Not at all. We have no control over what happens to us. But we do have some control over how we respond to what happens to us.

One way to respond, as Jews anyway, is through the study of Torah. Many Jews unfortunately, are so indifferent to the external demands of the Jewish religion that they give little or no attention to the great well of ethical and moral wisdom that we call Torah. This heritage, that no one else possesses, gives us a fantastic advantage in responding to and coping with the challenges of life. It is a form of helping oneself which is step one in responding to life.

Step number two is to try to help someone else find meaning in life.

The sages say, "If you pray for your neighbor or friend, you get answered first." In other words, altruism is the way to fulfilment and worthwhileness.

A friend told me this story. An important client called him with the following message. "I am about to commit suicide. You have been my friend for all these years so I would like you to fulfill certain bequests I wish to make." He said to him, "I will do whatever you ask but I need one hour of your time."

He took him immediately to the school for Crippled Children which in those days was on Cedar Avenue. They entered a room where children could not speak but were making every effort to pronounce the letters of the alphabet. In another room they could not walk, and were shown ways of becoming ambulatory. In a third room their hands were handicapped and they were practicing how to use hands or how to get along without them. As they were progressing, the would-be suicide kept asking — "Who runs this place? Where do the funds come from?" And finally, "What can I do to help?"

The friend then turned to him and said — "You can do nothing to help because you are about to commit suicide." "Forgive me" was his plaintive response. "I see how foolish I have been. Give me something important to do for these children and for my life."

The moment you help someone find something to live for you have also achieved it for yourself.

It is called the sense of worthwhileness.

(The author is the rabbi of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue of Montreal.)

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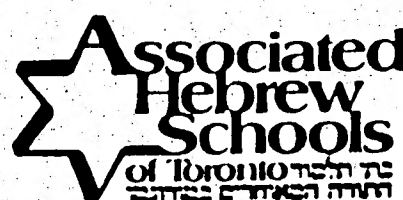
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Jews, Protestants co-operate locally

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Jewish and Protestant leaders say the relationship between the two communities is flourishing on a grass-roots level, even while it has been floundering in the national and international arenas.

"On the local and regional level there is a lot of co-operation," said Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of interreligious affairs at the American Jewish Committee. "The problems are higher up."

Typically, Jews and Protestants work together on projects related to poverty, health and race issues.

In hundreds of communities around the country, together they initiate and maintain shelters for the homeless, soup kitchens, outreach to people with AIDS and literacy programs.

"On a lot of these projects people

don't ask what religion you are, but they're interfaith from the get-go," noted Jay Rock, director of Christian-Jewish concerns at the National Council of Churches.

"People get involved in a direct service project with people who are Jews or of other faiths, and start to wonder and ask questions of each other," he said.

"Community-based issues are our common heritage that brings us together. That's really the strength where interfaith relationships come from," said Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, secretary-general of the NCC, the North American umbrella organization for 32 Protestant and Orthodox denominations.

The high level of intermarriage has contributed to increased Protestant interest in working with the Jewish

community, said Rock, as has interest in understanding the roots of Christianity.

"It's partly motivation to understand what kind of relationship we have with those who are the direct heirs of our mother faith," he said.

"And an increasing number of Christians who are aware that the origins are more complicated than what we heard about in Sunday school. They want to understand what it means."

The contentious topic of proselytizing is becoming less problematic, said Brown Campbell.

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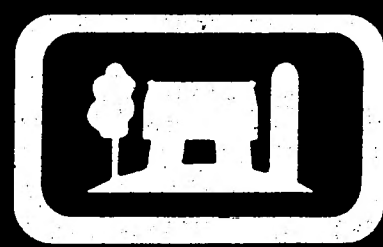
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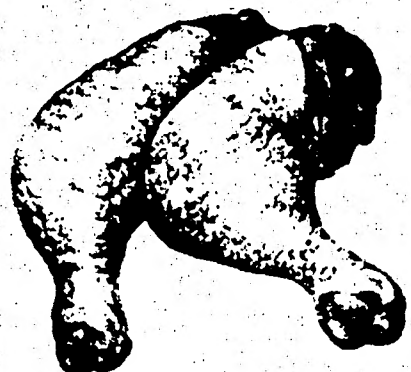
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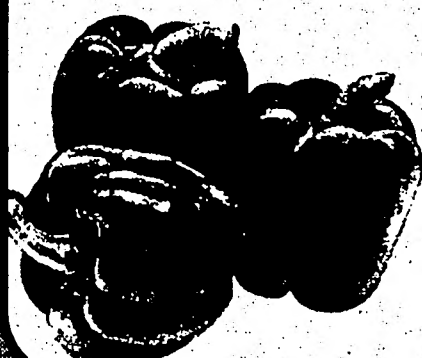
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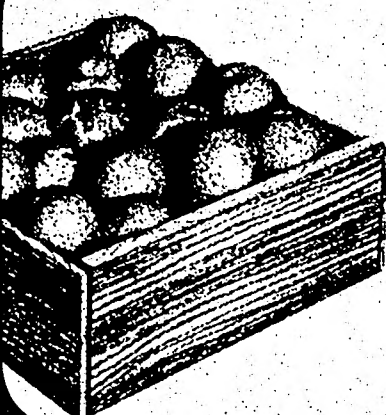
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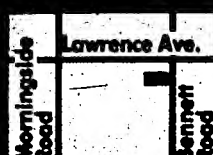


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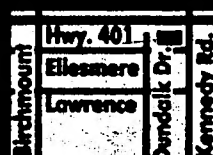
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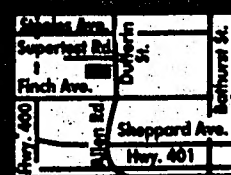
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Organizations and People

Nachman slams Labor for policy in territories

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO —

When the Israeli Consul in Toronto recently called the mayor of one of the biggest Jewish towns in the West Bank "crazy" and "obsessed" — in front of an audience of 150 — the man he was talking about just flashed a big grin.

"He's what we call 'meshugah ladar'," Consul Shalom Cohen said affectionately of Ron Nachman, the mayor of Ariel, who flew into Toronto as part of a 12-stop North American tour to raise money and support for his town.

Nachman, 50, a member of the Likud who was elected to the Knesset in the June '92 elections, made no bones about where his loyalties lie.

"I am in the Knesset to defend and represent the people of Judea and Samaria," he said.

And he proceeded to make a spirited plea, complete with a 10-minute color video about Ariel for financial

and moral support for the settlement which he and 40 other families founded in 1977, and which has since grown into a town of 12,000 people.

Nachman had harsh words for the newly-elected Labor government's policy of ceasing any new construction in Jewish settlements in the territories, and its willingness to trade land for peace with the Arabs.

Born in Palestine

"I was born in Palestine and my father and grandfather were born in Palestine. When you talk about Palestinians, remember there are also Jewish Palestinians and they also have rights," Nachman said.

The opposition MK also slammed the Israeli government's reluctance to direct new immigrants to the territories.

"Imagine the American government trying to stop anybody from settling in Los Angeles, the West Bank of the United States. What chutzpah!" he commented sarcastically.

"The Jewish Agency and the established Jewish organizations that fund projects don't cross the Green Line [the pre-1967 borders] . . . but there is not only the Hebrew University and Ben Gurion University, there is our College of Judea and Samaria . . . You cannot divide the Israeli people into two classes. We have to be united."

He admitted to being sceptical about the ongoing peace process.

"When you make concessions and are moderate with the Arabs, they take and take and take . . . The real issue is not Palestinian autonomy or the intifada, the real problem is between Israeli Jews and Islam.

"We must have a state of peace with Iraq, Iran, Syria and Libya. If we sign a peace treaty with the Palestinians, is there no danger of SCUD missiles falling on Tel Aviv? Can we assume that



Ron Nachman

no chemical missiles will come from Khadafi?"

Ironically, Israeli writer Amos Oz, known for his dovish political views, was addressing Toronto's Jewish community the same evening, as part of the Jewish Community Centre's annual

Jewish Book Fair.

"The peace process is not the monopoly of Amos Oz and the Peace Now movement. We are not obstacles to peace, as they say; we are initiators of peace," Nachman claimed.

"The Arabs have 22 countries, yet they want another. This is our only Jewish homeland. The land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean is such a narrow area there cannot be two states there."

Nachman's suggested alternative: a Palestinian state that would replace the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

"Instead of King Hussein there would be King Arafat. The Arabs in Nablus would not be transferred to this state, they would just vote [from afar] for the parliament in Amman — that's my answer to Amos Oz."

As for Gaza: "We must resettle those Arabs along the coast of northern Sinai. It would take about \$10 billion — let Saudi Arabia and the other Arab countries pay instead of spending it on missiles and weapons."

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Organizations and People

Jewish newsmakers

Sarajevo Jewish families set to arrive

VANCOUVER — Five Jewish families, totalling 18 people, from Sarajevo, are expected to arrive soon in Vancouver. They are among 57 Jewish families accepted by Immigration Canada as war refugees from the former Yugoslavia.

Rabbi Yosef Benarroch and Congregation Beth Hamidrash, are leading a community-wide drive for volunteers to help resettle the newcomers. Representatives from all Vancouver synagogues are helping in the effort.

Donations have been requested for furniture, kitchen equipment, linens and clothing in "good as new" condition.

The Jewish Immigration Aid Services has arranged for "adoption" of the families by various congregations.

— Maurice Lucov

Winnipeg elects new council

WINNIPEG — It was in with the new and in with the old last month as Winnipeggers went to the polls to elect a new mayor and smaller city council.

The new is Mayor Susan Thompson, a businesswoman who was running in her first campaign. She convincingly outdistanced a field of 17 candidates, including three members of the last city council, seeking to succeed retiring Mayor William Norrie.

In council races, most of the returnees are familiar faces. The number of councillors has been reduced from 29 to 15, a change that led to some incumbents running against each other. Social worker Sandy Hyman easily won re-election in heavily Jewish River Heights ward in south Winnipeg. Active in the Jewish community, Hyman was first elected in a by-election two years ago.

In Mynarski ward in north Winnipeg, another area with a substantial Jewish population, incumbents Gloria Mendelson and Harry Lazarenko were pitted against each other. In the closest race of the night, Lazarenko, a CN worker who has been an independent councillor for many years, edged out Mendelson by 20 votes. Mendelson, a lawyer and former school trustee who was first elected three years ago will be filing for a recount.

Both Hyman and Mendelson are members of Winnipeg In the Nineties (WIN), a loose leftish grouping that was formed three years ago to contest the dominance of right wing politicians on council.

The last council and this one are both split fairly evenly between WIN councillors and the right-wing element generally referred to as the Gang. Missing from the right-wing side this time around however is Larry Fleisher. Fleisher, a colorful long-time councillor, is the director of the Child Guidance Clinic of Greater Winnipeg and a leading fund raiser for Jewish causes (such as the YMHA Jewish Community Centre's annual Sportsman's Dinner) and general community programs. He decided not to seek re-election this time.

— Myron Love

KKK members get firearms ban

WINNIPEG — Although the Crown was not able to send two self-confessed Manitoba members of the Ku Klux Klan to jail, it did succeed in preventing Bill Harscus and Theron Skryba from legally owning firearms for the next five years.

The Crown was forced to stay charges against the two men and a third defendant, Joseph Lockhart, in September after a key police witness admitted on the witness stand that she based some of her testimony on illegal wiretaps. The accused had been charged with a number of offences including a charge against Skryba of having weapons in his possession without a proper Firearms Acquisition Certificate.

On October 28, Harscus and Skryba were back before magistrate Dan Dowbenko, who prohibited them from possessing weapons for a period of five years.

"It was our alternative to criminal proceedings," says Crown Attorney John Barr.

At the same hearing, a third man, a self-described Aryan sympathizer named Fred Woodward, was prohibited from owning weapons for two years. "He [Woodward] showed up at a Klan meeting on December 13," Barr reports. "He is not a Klan member but he is a White Supremacist."

Barr also notes that Lockhart, the third defendant in the Klan trial, is not a Klan member either. He was charged, along with Harscus and Skryba, with mischief in relation to disrupting a homophobic hotline.

— Myron Love

Women's conference held

WINNIPEG — This city's first Jewish women's conference in about 10 years attracted a full complement of 200 women. In fact, Women's Day: A Jewish Experience was so popular that a number of women had to be turned away for lack of space and have their names put on a waiting list.

The one-day conference was held at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. The conference was sponsored by the

President's Council in conjunction with the YMHA Jewish Community Centre and co-sponsored by most of the synagogue sisterhoods and Jewish women's organizations in the city.

Council president and conference chair Maggie Rayter said that while past conferences used to focus on issues such as bilingualism, this time it was structured towards women's issues and issues within the Jewish community.

Among topics examined during the day were discrimination in the workplace, women's changing roles and stereotypes of Jewish women.

"This was the most popular part of the day because we were in discussion groups and were able to participate," says Rayter. "We discussed attitudes to Jewish women and how those attitudes are changing."

— Myron Love

JWF speaks up on wife assault

TORONTO — One in four women in Canada will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime. Sixty to 90 percent of all sexual assaults in Canada are never reported to the police. Sixty-two percent of all women murdered in Canada are victims of domestic violence.

In conjunction with Wife Assault Prevention Month in Ontario, the Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) is making its own anti-abuse statement this November.

The annual public information campaign was launched by the Ontario Women's Directorate of Ontario. JWF is doing its part to reach Jewish women who have been abused and encourage them to seek help. Through its campaign, JWF has also reached out to the government on behalf of victims as well as perpetrators of wife abuse.

Two petitions signed by 1,000 women and men have been sent to Ontario Attorney-General Howard Hampton and Justice Minister Kim Campbell, asking the government to enact stronger legislation to protect assault victims.

JWF and its affiliates have plastered Jewish areas of the city with Wife Abuse is a Crime posters that list the phone number of JF&CS (638-7800) and urge women who are being hurt by men to pick up the phone.

JNF telethon helps to plant trees

TORONTO — A special telethon was held on Nov. 1 from the Leaside Room at the Inn On The Park as JNF Toronto launched Green Sunday.

Volunteers manned the phones for a day-long effort to have Torontonians plant trees in the new Toronto Community Forest, the major project being developed on the occasion of the 1992 Negev Dinner. Local leaders called the event a major success.

To be located in the area known as Yatir, just north of Beersheba on the road to Masada, the Toronto Community Forest is the first JNF forest in Israel to be named in honor of a Canadian city. Officials hope to plant one million new trees in the forest, part of a long-term plan to reclaim the arid Negev Desert.

The 44th annual Negev Dinner of JNF will be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel on Nov. 29.

Hidden Children to hold conference

TORONTO — A Toronto contingent will be part of the second international gathering of the Hidden Child Foundation, to take place July 13, 14 and 15 in Jerusalem.

The foundation brings together Holocaust survivors who were hidden from the Nazis and their collaborators when they were children.

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Pearlson re-elected to BGU post

MONTREAL — At an annual general meeting held in Montreal on Nov. 1, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson was re-elected national president of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University. Pearlson is the spiritual leader of Toronto's Temple Sinai.

The meeting adopted a \$10 million goal to mark the university's 25th anniversary in 1995 — by which time the student population is expected to rise from the present 8,100 students to a total of 12,000 students.

Reuben-Croll of Montreal was elected senior vice-president. Aly Larson of Toronto was elected treasurer.

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And speaking of laughs, the Primrose Club was the place to be earlier that week, when the Young Adult Division held its campaign kick-off. The comics, who donated their time, were acquired with a little help from **Mark Breslin**, the acerbic and hilarious owner/MC of Yuk Yuk's comedy club.

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Special thanks to: **Ian Zagdanski** and **Saul Merrick**, Homebuilders co-chairs; **Aaron Brotnan**, Major Gifts co-chair; **David Y. Green** and **Norm Godfrey**, Construction Division co-chairs; **Ian Petroff** and **Sigmund Soudack**, Construction Professionals co-chairs; **Paul Braun**, Development Corporations co-chair; **Barb Grossman** and **Allan Consky**, Residential Real Estate co-chairs; **Ralph Goldman**, Commercial Real Estate co-chair; and **Stephen Weintraub**, Real Estate Finance co-chair.

PHYSICIANS DIVISION --

Co-chairmen **Drs. Jeffrey Axler** and **Steven Gottesman** and vice-chairmen **Drs. Jack Mandel** and **Murray Miskin** recently held a divisional cocktail reception at Mount Sinai Hospital. Featured was **Baruch Gur**, director of Eastern European Operations, Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). Gur has headed the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe Department of JAFI since 1990. Special UJA thanks go to **Drs. Eliot Phillipson** and **Arnie Aberman**, program co-chairmen.



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CAMPAIGN HITS HOME STRETCH



Bernie Ghert



Neil Nisker

The 1993 UJA Campaign has entered its final stage. Campaign Chairmen, **Bernie Ghert** and **Neil Nisker** report that UJA's success to date exceeds all predictions. At the end of October the '93 campaign totals surpassed \$28 million with a card-for-card increase of 15 percent.

"We've designated the next six weeks as the 'Home Stretch'," says Bernie Ghert, campaign co-chairman. "We have a strong group of canvassers who are pulling together to help finish off Campaign '93 with a bang. We're asking all members of Toronto's

Jewish community who have not yet made their gift to the 1993 campaign to respond generously when they are called by one of our volunteers."

The "Home Stretch" final push will kick off with an all canvasser briefing by **Dan Cohen**, of American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) on American-Israeli relations in light of the recent election of **Governor Bill Clinton** to the U.S. Presidency.

Canvassers will hear about the new decision makers in the U.S. government with an analysis of their views and past records and Middle East policies.

Telethons will continue over the next several weeks to ensure that we reach as many people as possible.

No doubt, with everyone's efforts, the campaign will achieve unrivaled success.

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Two weeks ago, it was no ordinary Saturday for 350 Bosnian refugees. Thanks to the backing of UJA, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) was able to embark upon its eighth safety mission in the volatile region.

The men, women and children crammed into the awaiting buses in Sarajevo, the capital city of war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina, and began their 22-hour journey to safety in Croatia.

The evacuation, a sometimes-harrowing bus trip through territory claimed by warring ethnic factions, left the refugees and those who assisted them numb with exhaustion.

The saga began in Sarajevo at 7 a.m. Saturday morning, with the arrival of two trucks loaded with vital food and medicines, plus five empty buses from nearby Kiseljak. A sixth bus, from a Croatian relief organization, joined the convoy.

"We were in a hurry. Winter has arrived and it will kill many people in Sarajevo," said Jakob Finci, president of the Jewish Humanitarian Society.

Throughout the day and the following night, the convoy was stopped at Bosnian, Moslem and Croatian checkpoints.

Once in Croatia, the mood became brighter, especially when the blue and white flag of the JDC was spotted.

The Jewish Agency for Israel immediately took charge of the Jewish evacuees, while other groups took responsibility for their own groups. Many of the Jewish evacuees are bound for Israel.



Bernie Farber, (above) CRC Associate Director of Community Relations, assesses the damage to a UJA lawn sign that was defaced at a North York synagogue. Photo by: Jay Brodbar

CRC PROTECTS OUR FUTURE

One of the mandates of the Community Relations Committee (CRC) of Canadian Jewish Congress is to protect the Jewish Community from Anti-Semites and Holocaust Deniers.

When you or your child is confronted with anti-Semitism, the CRC is there to respond working with government, school officials, religious leaders, and law enforcement agencies to effectively resolve the situation.

It deals with outreach to other

ethnic communities, encourages Christian-Jewish dialogue and is now currently working to bridge the gap between the Black and Jewish communities. And the Community Relations Committee is funded by United Jewish Appeal dollars.

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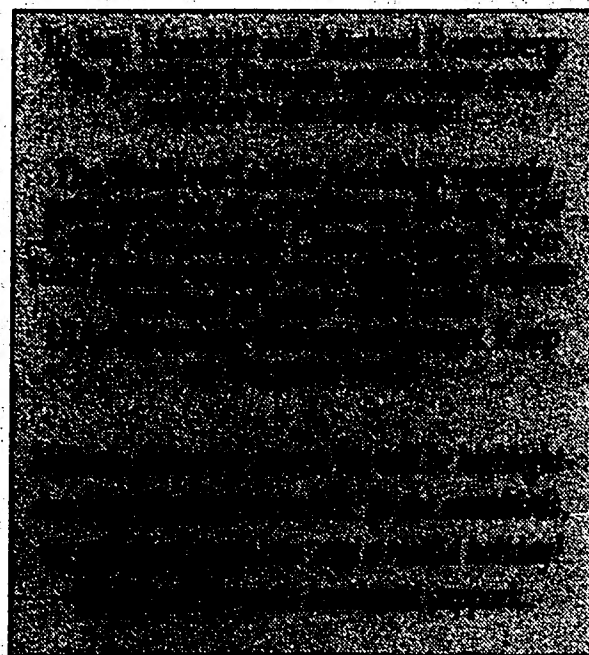
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Organizations and People

Mideast peace focus shifting to 'concrete aspects,' says Oz

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The "worst patch of the [Arab-Israeli] conflict" appears to be over and an intellectual watershed has been reached that will lead to an eventual resolution of the longstanding dispute, one of Israel's foremost literary figures stated recently.

"The cognitive block on both sides" in which neither Arab nor Israeli accepted the reality or legitimacy of the other's presence in the disputed territories has given way, said novelist and social commentator Amos Oz. Instead of clashing over "theology," Arabs and Israelis are now disputing the disposition of real estate and more concrete aspects of their relationship.

"It's like a patient waking up from an anesthetic in a slumber only to realize that things will never be the same again."

Delivering an early lecture of the 16th annual Jewish Book Fair, Oz compared the resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute to a property settlement in a divorce case. As can happen in a messy divorce, both sides will probably remain in the same house with arrangements as to when each side can use the bathroom and the kitchen, he said. Eventually, the estranged parties may go from passing each other in the street to meeting for coffee. After that, they may engage in joint activities and one day may even joke about their previous stubbornness, he suggested.

Oz said that in recognition of Israel's security concerns, the two-state solution he favors might be implemented gradually, with one attribute of sovereignty after another being



Amos Oz

granted. The slow pace is necessary for Israel to gauge whether the Palestinians and other Arabs are sincerely ready for peace.

He said the rest of the world can assist the process by integrating a peaceful Middle East into a Mediterranean or European security and economic system while perhaps providing a Marshall Plan to help resettle Palestinians and Jews.

To understand Israelis' concerns over security, one must understand their collective psyche and their fears, which have been shaped by living for 70 years like a "collective Salman Rushdie under a death sentence" imposed by its Arab neighbors. That's enough to make any society neurotic and frightened, he said.

Oz, a self-proclaimed "peacenik," distinguished himself from European pacifists who divide the world into "good guys and bad guys." They usually portray the Third World as victims of the West whose later transgressions should be forgiven, he said. But "no-one deserves a moral

discount."

Oz said he supported the removal of Saddam Hussein from Kuwait even though the Kuwaitis are "corrupt and stink of oil and injustice."

"Even a bad girl doesn't deserve to be raped," he said.

Turning to the divisions in Israeli society, Oz said the country's loudly-voiced disagreements indicate an inherent confidence and normality. The silver lining to the disagreements is that they provides a fertile ground for creativity, he added.

Israel's synagogue-state dispute has led to the collapse of governments and the question remains "open and unresolved," he said.

The "question is not who is a Jew in the eyes of the law, but what is the law in the eyes of the Jews."

Turning to community relations in Israel, Oz pointed to the difficulty in integrating 400,000 recent immigrants. Among the arrivals are 10,000 black Ethiopian Jews who are a living refutation of the canard that Israel is a racist state. Their aliyah marks "the first time blacks have been taken out of Africa not for slavery but for freedom," he said.

They also indicate that Jews are not a racial group, though they descended from a common stock that shares "a certain sensibility, a sense of humor and a non-violent anarchism." As a result, Israel is not a country or a nation so much as "a fiery collection of arguments" and "a perpetual, bloodless civil war."

Oz, who spoke at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, was introduced by Carol Rosenthal, chair of the Book Fair, while greetings were presented by Alan Zender, past president of the Jewish Community Centre.

Israelis said tired of burden

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The Israeli people are tired of carrying the burden of maintaining their country all alone, says an Israeli journalist and author of the book *With Friends Like You — What Israelis Really Think About North American Jews*.

"We are tired of the stress we live with all our lives and there comes a point when we ask ourselves why we are doing this. It is difficult for anybody to live for the sake of a greater cause," Motti Golan recently told a small audience at Holy Blossom Temple.

He told the group that "we are not saints, we are ordinary people, so we ask why we are spilling our blood? Why are we sending our sons to the army? The answer that we are doing it for the sake of the Jewish people is not good enough any more. People do not want to get killed for the sake of the Jewish state."

He said that the cliché that North American Jews and Israeli Jews are partners "really bothers us. Nobody is thinking beyond this cliché. How can there be a partnership between people who give their blood and people who give a little money? We believe that the only way people can be partners is if they share the burden equally. The whole situation of us

giving blood and you giving money is to me humiliating."

"So many people make a livelihood from this money machine and some become celebrities. Is this a healthy situation? Is it dignified? My suggestion is to stop it. It is humiliating to bring an Israeli general here to ask for money. Instead of making contributions, I suggest that you invest money in the country."

Golan questioned how much North Americans should interfere into Israel's affairs and said that it is not dignified to base a relationship on the basis of money. "To me, it is humiliating. We should change it so we

all feel more dignified."

As to what the solution is, however, Golan says he has no answer. "If we discuss it openly then there is a chance that we can come up with some solution. It could be to change offices such as State of Israel Bonds and United Jewish Appeal into investment offices. If you have a share in the country than your investment will be stronger and you will have more respect for Israel. We could look at it as a business proposition. If we have a strong economy then we can take care of whatever needs taking care of ourselves."

Flea market, auction set

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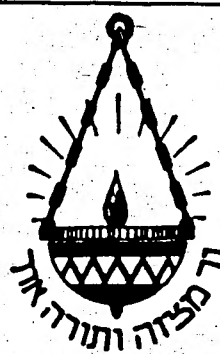
A flea market and silent auction to be held at Temple Sinai on Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will raise money for an annual project with further-reaching benefits than are initially apparent, says flea market co-chair Naomi Cohen.

The project, under the auspices of Temple Sinai will raise funds to bring 20 disabled Israeli war veterans for a visit to Toronto next spring. This is the second year that Temple Sinai is involved in the project, in which

individual soldiers are hosted in private homes.

The silent auction offers a number of unique packages on which to bid, including a health club membership, a timesharing condo in the Dominican Republic, specially cooked meals, and consulting time with an accountant or with a fashion consultant.

The flea market will have items such as clothes, dishes, furniture and costume jewellery for sale. There will also be a food court with snack items, sandwiches and coffee.

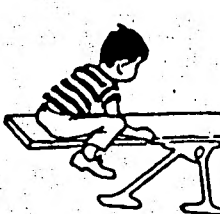


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Organizations and People

Customs surrounding death part of process for converts

By RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —

Why would a graduate of Winnipeg Bible College spend an evening in Benjamin's Funeral Home, scribbling notes on the back of a book called, *Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew*?

Alberta (Abby) Malic is a Baptist, but she wants to be a Jew, so she's enrolled in a course established by the Reform Rabbis of Toronto as an introduction to Judaism.

The 30-week course, called the Jewish Information Class (JIC), introduces potential converts to Jewish laws and customs, offers them guidance on how to adapt to Jewish life, introduces them to the Hebrew language and, if permitted by a council of Reform rabbis, takes them through the actual conversion process.

Potential converts and their spouses attend weekly three-hour sessions which often include appearances by guest speakers such as Michael Benjamin of Benjamin's Funeral Home, who spoke recently about Jewish laws

and customs regarding death.

"The Jewish approach to death is commendable," Malic enthused after Benjamin's lecture, stating that she was particularly impressed by the fact that, according to Jewish tradition, the grieving process is structured in three phases. (It starts with one week of shiva, continues through 30 days of shloshim and, for a parent ends after a year).

"It's healthy to have a framework that mourners can apply themselves to," she explained. "It prevents them from mourning forever. I think my mother would have benefited from this kind of structured grieving process when my father died."

Ironically, Malic believes her strict Christian upbringing has helped her accept Judaism. "A lot of what we cover is review for me because I learned the Old Testament as a child," she said, then added, "I was taught to respect the Jewish people as the chosen people."

Malic, who has two children from a previous marriage, said that her pending marriage to an Israeli is only part of the reason she has chosen to

convert. "In my opinion, Christianity and Judaism share so much that it doesn't make sense for me to separate them in my life."

She said that once she is through the course, she will "definitely consider herself to be Jewish and follow the appropriate ordinances."

Like Malic, Tim Skedzuhn said he is not converting to Judaism solely because he is marrying a Jew. "My fiancée suggested it first," he said, "but now I'm doing it for myself." Though he was raised a Catholic, Skedzuhn said he's eager to become a Jew, in part because he likes what he perceives as Judaism's emphasis on family and community.

Skedzuhn, too, is impressed with Jewish tradition regarding death. "I think it's good to support mourners (through sitting shiva), and I think it's important to set a time period for their grieving process so that, ultimately, they get on with their lives."

"I'm really fascinated by everything I'm learning [in JIC]," the 28-year-old said. "In fact, my classmates have been calling me Rabbi Tim."

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Student's yahrzeit to be marked

TORONTO —

Five years ago, Shmuel Zahavy, a Western University student, was killed in a tragic accident. At the time of the accident he was only 19 years of age and looking forward to pursuing academics, vocation, family — the dreams we all share.

Devastated by their loss, his parents, Yechezkel & Zahava Zahavy, were determined to eternalize their son's memory. They decided that they would contribute substantial funds to a Jewish day school to perpetuate the memory of their cherished son. They chose Cheder Chabad, an elementary school in Thornhill affiliated with the local board of Jewish education as well as the worldwide Chabad Lubavitch school network.

"It is the best investment of our life," says Mr. Zahavy who is the president of the limousine services AAROPORT McIntosh, and Aircab.

The school acknowledged the generous donation by renaming their institution the Shmuel Zahavy Cheder Chabad. In the last five years the school has grown to over 100 children, which represents an increase of 20 percent per year.

The Zahavys were attracted to this school because it

combined the warmth and personal attention of the old "shtetl" cheder along with the sophistication of the modern Jewish day school. Dedicated to the legendary ahavat Yisroel of the Chabad Lubavitch movement, the school includes hospital and old age home visitations as part of their student program.

In the words of Rabbi Yona Shur, the school's executive director, "Our students are not only taught to value academic knowledge, they also learn to appreciate and cherish the potential of every single Jew."

To commemorate the fifth yahrzeit of Shmuel Zahavy, a memorial service will take place Nov. 30, on the eve of Kislev 6, at the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. The service will begin at 8:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

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School hosts program recalling Holocaust

TORONTO —

Newtonbrook Secondary School will host a Holocaust Awareness Week Nov. 23 to 27, which will include a series of photographs, speakers and videos to present students with a graphic lesson on why racism requires constant vigilance.

The school is located at 155 Hilda Ave. in North York. The photographs, on loan from the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, depict the Jewish experience during World War II and will on display in the school library throughout the week.

Paul Marcus, director of the Institute of International Affairs for B'nai Brith, will speak about the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw uprising. Noted author Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, plans to talk with students about Canada's role during the Holocaust. Ten other speakers — including several Holocaust survivors — are scheduled to discuss issues and personal experiences related to the Holocaust.

Videos, followed by discussions, will take place in the library twice during the week.

Play slams Irving's claim

TORONTO —

To counter David Irving's denial that gas chambers existed at the Nazi concentration camps, a reading of *The Investigation* by German-born playwright Peter Weiss will take place at the Tarragon Theatre Sunday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., pay what you can admission. The play is based on the evidence at the Frankfurt trials of 1964, much of it dealing with the operation of gas chambers by the accused. Several well known actors are taking part and the director is Richard Rose. All the proceeds go to the Holocaust Centre in Toronto.

Organizations and People

Life in Syria remains tough for Jews there, says BB leader

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The Jews still in Syria are living under such intolerable conditions that they have to put up with Syrian secret police spies right in the 17 synagogues of Damascus. Mail is opened and there are spies in the Damascus ghetto. In addition, the government has a file on every Jew in the country.

This was the picture drawn by Michael Schelew, chair of B'nai Brith of Canada's National Committee for Syrian Jews, in an address during Holocaust Education Week sponsored by the Reconstructionist Congregation Darchei Noam.

About 1,000 Jews still remain in Syria, Schelew said, though 500 already have exit visas. These figures apply only to officially registered Jews, he explained, stating that some estimates put the real number of Jews

still in Syria as high as 10,000.

Of the officially registered Jews, Schelew said 500 intend to stay in Syria because they are elderly or because of their economic situation.

About 3,000 Jews left when the government opened the borders this year in the wake of Middle East peace talks.

Even the curriculum of the Jewish schools is censored, he said, and there is a prohibition on using certain Hebrew words which the government maintains relate to Israel and Zionism.

Jews have "father of Moses" stamped on their passports, they are the only people to have their passports marked in a special way. If they want to travel, they must post a \$6,000 bond. If they do not return, the family is tortured.

"Jews have tried to escape," Schelew explained. "If they are caught, they are tortured, even chil-

dren only 3 years old. If they think you are spying for Israel, you are put in jail for a long time."

Jews find it difficult to get into university, and though Jews in humanity courses are said to be treated fairly, those in the professional faculties are given a rough time.

"As for jobs, Jews can only get the lowest level jobs. There is complete discrimination in the private sector. The government allows some Jews to be doctors because they don't want Arabs touching Jews."

Nearly all the Syrian Jews who left this year went to Brooklyn [the government would not allow them to go to Israel] where, according to Schelew, they have not received a warm welcome.

The speaker, who is a past president of the Canadian Council for Refugees, said Jewish communities should also bend their efforts to saving 800 Jews still in Yemen.

Allan Reitzes confirmed to Federation post

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The officers of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto last week named Allan Reitzes executive director of the communal organization.

Reitzes had been serving as acting director of the federation since the departure of Steve Ain, who left to take a position with the United Israel Appeal.

The appointment "allows me to fulfil and realize myself as a professional and [attain] my personal goals as well," Reitzes said.

In his 10 years with the federation, Reitzes has held a number of posts, beginning as budget director and head of leadership development. He pushed for creation of the Human Resource Department as well as the Jewish Women's Federation, where he served as its first director. He brought together the Community Planning and Allocations Departments into one unit and he still serves



Allan Reitzes

as director of the Project Renewal program.

A native of the United States, Reitzes obtained his master's degree and doctorate in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

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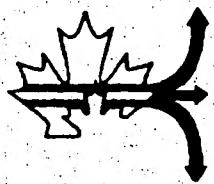
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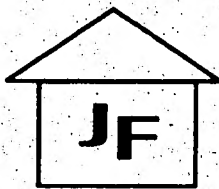
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Organizations and People



What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Nov. 26, is deadline for Dec. 10 issue, and Thursday, Dec. 3, is deadline for Dec. 17 issue). Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Friday, Nov. 27

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** and singer **Lillian Keltz** will appear in a happy musical hour at 2 p.m. at Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St. in a program of Jewish, Hebrew and semi-classical music.

Saturday, Nov. 28

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Fun is the theme of the fourth annual Trivia Night sponsored by the Toronto Associates Group of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, taking place at 8:45 p.m. at United Bakers Dairy Restaurant, 390 Steeles Ave. W. Tickets are \$20 per person and include prizes and refreshments. Proceeds benefit Pediatric Services at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem. To reserve, call the office at 781-3584. Arrange your own table of 10 (only one genius allowed per table!).

NON-SMOKING BINGO

Kehillat Shaarei Torah presents a smoke-free bingo night at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. Admission is \$20 and includes one book of cards and refreshments. Cash prizes for every game plus a special jackpot prize will be awarded. Call 229-2600 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 29

HOPE, CONFIDENCE OR OPTIMISM?

The New Israel Fund of Canada and Beth Tikvah and Shaar Shalom Congregations invite you to hear Hope, Confidence or Optimism—Post Election Reflections of **Mordechai Bar-On**, international president of New Israel Fund. The event takes place at Beth Tikvah Congregation. Services at 9 a.m., speaker at 9:45. For information, call New Israel Fund office at 340-0507.

TECHNOLOGY & HALACHAH

Modern Technology and Halachah: Practical Applications is the topic to be addressed by **Ezra Rosenfeld**, director of Zomet-An Institute of Torah and Technology in Israel, at the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood breakfast meeting. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30. The public is invited and admission is free.

WHOLESALE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Tikvah chapter of B'nai Brith Women is holding an exciting fundraiser at 44 York Mills Rd.

from 2-4 p.m. Quality children's wear (sizes 2-6x) will be offered at incredible wholesale prices as well as a wide selection of children's videos. Come and take advantage of the great bargains and support BBW/C. For further information, call 580-1480.

GRAND SOCIETY MEETING

GRAND (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) Society meeting features speaker **Randi Fine**, co-ordinator of Self Help Clearing House, who will speak on the Self Help movement and the benefits of self help support groups. The time is 1 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. Charge is \$3 non-members.

Monday, Nov. 30

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

The Beth Tikvah adult education fall series, Pressures on Conservative Jews in Contemporary Society, Part I—Builders of the Conservative Movement, continues with **Louis Finkelstein** and the North American Style with **Rabbi Wayne Allen** at 8 p.m. at the synagogue. No charge for members, \$5 non-members.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH COURSES

Chabad Lubavitch course, Unearthing the World of the Bible, with **Rabbi Yosef Gansburg**, will focus on Honesty in Midst of Deceit—The Kabbalistic Doctrine of Birur and Tikkum. It runs from 7:45-8:35 p.m. **Rabbi Mendel Bernstein's** course, Soul Trek, will deal with The Sefirot, from 8:50-9:40 p.m. Classes are held at Chabad Lubavitch, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. For information, call 731-7000.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

Depression Support and Mutual Aid begins a new weekly group meeting Mondays for people struggling with depression. Individual consultations are also available. Focus is on acceptance, understanding, improving self-esteem and quality of life. Program is caring, committed and confidential. For information, call 783-6969, weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

THE LAWS OF MOURNING

Rabbi Steven Cohen of Kehillat Shaarei Torah's lecture series, Night and Mourning, continues with the Kaddish Prayer and the Eleven Months of Mourning, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. For information, call 229-2600.

INTERNATIONAL COOKING

The Kosher Cooking School's course on International Cooking takes place at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. The fee is \$15. Call 635-9550 for information and registration details.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

NEW SOULS & RECYCLED SOULS

The Secrets of Kabbalah course with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, continues with New Souls and Recycled Souls. The time is 8 p.m. at Chabad

Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. There is no charge. For information, call 886-0420.

ISRAEL IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER

Prof. Morton Manilla's lecture series, The Place of Israel in the New World Order, presented by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education committee, concludes with Imagining a Palestinian State. Lecture takes place at 8 p.m. at the synagogue. For information, call 633-3838.

TRINITY VERSUS UNITY

Trinity Versus Unity is the topic of the What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries lecture series offered by Jews for Judaism at 8 p.m. at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. Charge is \$5. For information, call 789-2851.

Thursday, Dec. 3

UPDATE ON ISRAEL'S AGENDA

Political scientist **David Goldberg** will deliver the second lecture of the two-part series entitled An Update on Israel's Agenda at 2 p.m. at Forest Hill Retirement Residence, 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free but early reservations are requested as space is limited. Contact **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

And What Else Is New...

RABBI FRIEDBERG TRIBUTE

Beth Tzedec Congregation invites its members and the community to honor **Rabbi and Mrs. J. Benjamin Friedberg** on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years as senior rabbi at a tribute weekend Nov. 27-29. There will be a congregational dinner following Kabbalat Shabbat service Friday, a special congregational kiddush following Shabbat services Saturday, and a Sunday breakfast sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood. Seating is limited for mealtime events. Call 781-3511.

DOING BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 4:30-10 p.m., the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce will present a seminar, Doing Business With Israel — The Time Is Right, at the Park Plaza Hotel. Highlights include a keynote address by **A.I. (Ed) Mlavsky**, executive director of BIRD Foundation, which has helped establish and fund 300 research and investment joint ventures between American and Israeli companies, on the topic High Tech Strategic Partnerships with Israeli Companies; a presentation by a Success Panel including individuals who have had successful business experiences with Israel, plus a cocktail reception and kosher buffet dinner.

The cost is \$100 per person. Contact the CICC at 961-7302 for reservations and/or further information.

LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

Shaarei Shomayim adult education and Aish HaTorah present **Tziporah Heller**, senior lecturer in Jewish philosophy at Neve Yerushalayim College, who will speak on Dealing With Anger and Loving the Unlovable. The date is Thursday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Cost is \$5.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Winter Wonderland, a cross-country ski camp for boys and girls, ages 8-16, is once again being offered by the Jewish Camp Council during the school break, Dec. 20-Dec. 25, at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound. The package includes cross-country ski equipment, classes, winter sports, orienteering, crafts and much more, all with excellent supervision. Food services are under supervision of Kashruth Council of Toronto. Cost is \$250 plus GST. For more information and to register your child, call 630-1180.

KINDER TRANSPORT GET TOGETHER

Kinder Transport Organization of Toronto is having a gemutlich get together Sunday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. Anyone who left Germany or Austria after Kristallnacht in a children's transport to England is welcome. Call 493-4921 or 486-1524.

EVER SINCE BABYLON

Holy Blossom Temple inaugurates its musical season Sunday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. with an oratorio commissioned by the Cantors' Assembly entitled *Ever Since Babylon*, with music by **Samuel Adler** and lyrics by **Samuel Rosenbaum**. The Temple Singers under the direction of **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** and the Beth Tikvah Synagogue Choir under the direction of **Srl Irving Glick** will perform. The concert will also feature the premiere of *Ladino Song Cycle* arranged by **Yefim Adler**.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors, and are available at the temple or at the door. For further details, phone **Barbara** at 789-3291.

BIOMEDICAL INNOVATIONS

On Monday, Dec. 7, the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital, in cooperation with Bereskin and Parr, will be hosting a day-long symposium entitled Biomedical Innovations: Laboratory to Marketplace, aimed at equipping organizations with strategies needed to maximize potential value from biomedical innovations. For further information and to register, call 586-8225 or 364-7311.

A DINNER/SHOW

BAYT (Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto) Sisterhood and Men's Programming Committee invite you to a dinner/show featuring the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at BAYT, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Admission is \$36 couple, \$18 single. Reserve now! Tickets will not be available at the door. RSVP to the synagogue office at 886-3810 or **Lisa** at 882-0624.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon Dec. 5, at noon, following services, features **Prof. Dov Noy**, lecturer on Jewish folklore, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. His topic — My Way: To the Study of Jewish Folklore. Reservations (paid) must be made no later than Tuesday, Dec. 1. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call the synagogue office at 781-3511.

TALES OF SURVIVORS' CHILDREN

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee is welcoming **Lisa Lipkin**, resident storyteller with the museum of the City of New York.

Lipkin, a child of Holocaust survivors, will lead a workshop geared only for Second Generation entitled Reminiscences of a Child Survivor from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue (dairy buffet dinner available at 5 p.m., \$10). Admittance is free but registration is necessary as space is limited.

Then at 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue Lipkin will appear in the Canadian premiere of her one-woman show *What Mother Never Told Me*. This is open to the community at large. Tickets are \$10.

For registration and further information, call **Pnina Spetgang**, director, Holocaust Remembrance Committee, at 635-2883, ext. 144.

NCSY HAPPENINGS

The Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto chapter of National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is holding its first of many programs, a movie and falafel night, Saturday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. at BAYT, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. For information, call **Alan** at 771-7506 or **Tommy** at 665-5540. All high school students are welcome.

The inter-regional NCSY Shabbaton is planned for Nov. 27-29 at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave. Price is \$55. West Orange, New Jersey, will be guests. All students in Grades 6-8 are invited. First come, first serve. Call NCSY at 782-4426.

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

Bereaved Jewish Families invites you to Family Night: Coping with the Loss of a Child in the Family with **Dr. Gerald Schneiderman**, from the University of Toronto and Hospital for Sick Children, and author of *Coping With Death in the Family*. The date is Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. For information, call **Sheila Browne** at 667-8372 or **Sharon Lokash** at 481-0733 or **Maureen Feder** at Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 211.

FAMILY FUN

Register now! Bring the family and join in the fun at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound, Dec. 20-27, for a cross-country ski holiday. A variety of packages are available and all include accommodation, three meals daily (under supervision of Kashruth Council of Toronto), cross-country skiing and a variety of outdoor and indoor activities. For information, call 630-1180.

JEWISH HUMOR AS COUNTERCULTURE

Secular Jewish Association presents a lecture/discussion on Words Like Arrows: Jewish Humor As Counterculture with **Max Rosenfeld**, faculty of Gratz College, Philadelphia, and of International Institute for Secular Judaism, on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at 73 Lunau Lane, Thornhill. Charge for non-members is \$6. For reservations, call 491-7361. For information, call 731-7066.

BOOK FAIR

Temple Har Zion Sisterhood is holding a book

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BONDS DINNER

The Stashiver Society held its annual Israel Bond dinner at Adath Shalom Synagogue recently. From left are **Abram Bulwa**, chairman, **Hilfs Farein**, **Gertie Kates**, president, **Ladies Auxiliary**, **Sam Pasternack**, guest speaker, **Henry Jaskolka**, Israel Bond chairman, **Steven Hershkop**, president.

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What's New

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fair Sunday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the temple, 7360 Bayview Ave., and on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at A.Y. Jackson Secondary School, 50 Francine Dr., Willowdale. This is a great gift idea at very attractive prices.

ASSIST AN ISOLATED SENIOR

Winter is a difficult time for older people. As temperatures drop and sidewalks turn icy, the elderly spend more time indoors alone. This winter, you can brighten the life of an older person through Senior Care's (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) Volunteer Visiting Program. Bring warmth and companionship to a lonely, homebound senior by becoming a volunteer visitor. For more information, call **Arnold Foss** at 635-2860.

SINGLES NEW YEARS WEEKEND

A gala New Year's weekend for singles, Dec. 31-Jan. 3, is arranged at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound. This holiday package includes accommodations (double occupancy), meals (under supervision of Kashruth Council of Toronto), evening refreshments, cross-country ski classes, snowshoeing, tobogganing, music, fitness classes, sauna and movies. Cost of \$215 plus GST includes a champagne party to ring in the New Year. Call 630-1180 for more information and reservations.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Department of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is in need of Outreach Volunteers for the Dial-a-Friend and VISIT (Volunteers in Support In Touch) programs.

VISIT volunteer visits a senior in their home approximately one hour per week and provides socialization to him/her. Call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

Dial-a-Friend volunteer calls from home approximately 10 minutes each day and maintains daily (except Shabbat) telephone contact with a senior. Call **Barbara Zigler** or **Deborah Cohen** at 225-2112.

Volunteers should be flexible, empathetic, committed, reliable, speak Yiddish or other languages.

SCENES FROM KENSINGTON

Baycrest Centre's Kanner Heritage Museum will be launching its next exhibit, 'A Walk Through the Neighborhood: Scenes from Kensington', as part of Baycrest's 75th anniversary celebrations in 1993. The exhibit is funded by a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications.

Baycrest began in 1918 as the Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home on Cecil St. in the heart of Kensington. Anyone with photographs and mementos of Jewish businesses, family life, clubs and organizations, from Kensington Market, 1910-1940, or from the Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home, is asked to contact **Pat Dickinson**, museum co-ordinator, at 789-5131, ext. 2802.

for seniors

Jewish Community Centre North Y branch Senior Adult Services Learning Experiences program is presenting a classical musical lecture and performance with **Mildred Bennett** Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. in Room 202-203. There is no charge. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and older, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss, share experiences, and make new friends. The next meeting is Nov. 29, from 1-2:30 p.m. the Wagman Centre board room, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

LZA Seniors Club annual Chanukah party with entertainment by **Phil Gold** and his orchestra, is set for Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Borochoy Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets are available from **Joe Isenman**. Discussion Group meets every Tuesday morning at 10. Ladies Dance Group meets Tuesdays at 1 p.m. All activities take place at the centre.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Nov. 30, the movie *Bli Heshbon* (in Hebrew) with comedian **Doudou Topaz** will be shown. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include a dance Saturday, Nov. 28, 7-10 p.m.; a dance with a live band Sunday, Dec. 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Stage West to see *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* with all-you-can-eat buffet Dec. 9 (\$30); 5-pin bowling Mondays at 1 p.m. at York Bowlerama for members; local

day trips for members (\$5); ongoing activities sponsored by North York Board of Education. For information, call 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that brochures are available for the Florida trip (Saxony, Shore, Crown Hotels); reservations are being taken for the Israel Purim trip (March 1-22); ongoing programs under sponsorship of North York Board of Education continue. For information on all programs and trips, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Join the Young at Heart Seniors trip to Florida for one or two months or whatever you want at the Seabrook Hotel in Surfside for \$1,830 Canadian funds which includes efficiency, deluxe medical, cancellation and much more. Everyone welcome. Partners available. Call **Helen** at 635-6343.

JCC North Y branch Senior Adult Services Miami vacation at the Sans Souci Hotel, Jan. 12-Feb. 2 (additional weeks available) includes meals, health spa, trips, activities and much more. Call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman** at 886-2625.

Sunshine Travel Group 50 Plus is taking registration for Florida trip leaving Jan. 12 for four, six, seven or eight weeks at Colonial Hotel. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

The Good Age Club at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., invites you to a fashion show Thursday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Travel Club is going on a weekend trip Dec. 5 to take in two concerts, **Barbara Mandell** and **Jim Nabors**. Call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

Sunrise is arranging New Year's in California Dec. 28-Jan. 7 including Rose Bowl Parade; Miami Feb. 1-March 1 at Sassoun Hotel; Egypt and Israel including four-night Nile cruise April 18-May 3. Partners available. Call **Esther** at 932-2534 or **Manny** at 633-7463. Esther and Manny are at Earl Bales Community Centre Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m., to discuss partners and trip details.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

A Yiddish concert is being held Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 7-8:30 p.m. Refreshments following. Tickets are \$3 members, \$5 non-members, and are available at the information desk. For more information, call **Anna** or **Irina** at 225-2112.

A dance with the music of the Creative Band is set for Sunday, Nov. 29, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members \$3.50, non-members \$4.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. On Nov. 26, **Johnny** plays guitar and sings in different languages. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is \$1.

The movie, *Going My Way*, will be screened Sunday, Nov. 29, at 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members \$1.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Dec. 2 features **Mary Picot** and **Richard Gire** in Harmony at 1:30 p.m. Members \$2.50, non-members \$3.50.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in all the interesting events. For more information, call **Anna** at 225-2112.

at the JCC

Winter Vacation Fun Days at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., are eight fun-filled days of programs designed for children in senior kindergarten to Grade 6. Daily activities include swim, gym and a specialty workshop. Parents are invited to register their child/children for as many days as they wish. Dates are Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee is \$27 per day or \$200 for eight days.

Gymnastics Winter Vacation Camp for ages 8-12 offers instruction in competitive and beginner levels plus swimming. Dates are Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee is \$108 for four days, \$200 for eight days.

Theatre-goers, for people 33-45, will be meeting for brunch and a tour of the Royal Ontario Museum Sunday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. at the Bloor Y branch. Cost is \$18. Reserve in advance. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for reservations and information.

The Bloor Y branch Concert For Kids presents Meeting Place Theatre's Heritage Play Series se-

cond play, *Chanukah*, Sunday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The story of Chanukah is told through songs, both original and traditional, with the help of lighting, costumes, masks and puppets, plus lots of audience participation. This is suitable for ages 3-8 and their families. Tickets are \$6. For phone orders, call 924-6211.

About People



Sidney and Blanche Wolbrom

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sidney and Blanche Wolbrom recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gala dinner party. The Wolbroms requested donations for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in lieu of personal gifts for themselves. As a result of

the funds donated and their own generous gift, their names will be engraved on the Founders' Wall in the main foyer of the Jerusalem-based hospital. At the party, the Wolbroms were presented with an album containing cards and certificates acknowledging all donations made in their name.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Reuven Yalon, a highly respected educator from the United States, has joined the staff of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education as director of educational services. He comes to his new position with outstanding experience and qualifications in the field of Jewish education, having served as executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Southern New Jersey, and prior to that as director of Experimental Education and Supervision at the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education as well as an instructor of Hebrew Linguistics at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies. He also was president of the Council for Jewish Education, chair of the Bureau Directors Fellowship, and board member of the Jewish Education Services of North America (JESNA).

Yalon, who is fluent in Hebrew, Yiddish, French and German, developed the well-known B'yad Halashon method for the teaching of Hebrew.

STUDENTS' NETWORK LIAISON

Recently appointed to the position of JNF (Jewish National Fund) liaison of the Jewish Students' Network-Canada, **Beth Lawrence**, an environmental studies major at York University, hopes to attain three goals from this endeavor — to bring together Jewish students from across Canada, to have them appreciate Zionism through the environment and vice versa, and to generate coalition building through programming. A fundraising student dance is being planned for Jan. 12 and a plant-a-tree-a-thon is in the works.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto environmental committee is run by students. The main focus of the past year had been to extend and improve on the school's recycling program and to raise the level of student awareness of environmental problems. Proceeds from two fundraisers were donated to environmental causes and to the club for future projects. From left are **David Shiner**, chair, North York environmental committee; **Elana Lavine**, **Mark Kates**, **Miriam Vale**, **Cari Baron**, **Tsippi Shainhouse**, **Shai Spetgang**, last year's chair, **Mayor Mel Lastman**, and **Mark Weinstock**.

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Organizations and People

BBYO keeps eye on future with variety of new programs

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

"Our goal is to reposition B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) at the centre of Jewish life in every community," says Sam Fisher, the organization's international director. "As a teen program, our mission is to develop the future leadership of the Jewish community as well as provide every Jewish teenager with the opportunity for a positive Jewish experience that will strengthen his or her Jewish identity."

Since BBYO was cut adrift by B'nai Brith last year, the teen organization has found a new home in Jewish community centres. Fisher was in Winnipeg on Oct. 23 to address delegates to the fifth annual Canadian Council of YM-YWHA's and Jewish Community Centres Conference and outline for BBYO's new partners its vision for the future.

Fisher first thanked the delegates for the support their community centres have given BBYO in Canada despite the economic climate. He noted partnerships have already

been established between his organization and Ys and JCCs in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. "We hope to develop working relationships with other JCCs across Canada toward a strong and exciting future together," he said.

BBYO is the largest Jewish youth organization in the world with over 30,000 members. It is unique in its pluralism — it is not affiliated with any religious or political belief — and in the professionalism of its staff, most of whom have masters degrees in social work. The organization also has over 1,000 unpaid advisors who work with the teens.

As a result of B'nai Brith's withdrawal of support, Fisher reported BBYO is looking to members' parents for more support. To that end, the organization is starting to provide family education programs as well. New leadership development programs are being created, too, for teens, in co-operation with JCCs in the United States.

"Leadership development is a key component in our programming," Fisher said. "We want our teens to be doers, to develop real, long-term commitments to their communities."

To that end also, BBYO has launched an International Leadership Training Conference, with the help of a grant from Kellogg's, which would train and send youth volunteer corps to undertake service projects of the teens' choosing in the community at large on a weekly basis.

Among other new BBYO programs are a Parent Teen Education program that encourages dialogue between parents and teens; a National Torah Puppet Theatre which will train teens to perform puppet shows for Sunday schools illustrating the weekly Torah portions; and a Holocaust Expression Theatre to give BBYO members who participate in the March Of The Living greater scope to express their feelings about what they experienced.

Fisher further announced the organization is about to launch BBYO University to provide certification for all its workers.

"We are seeking to provide market-driven programs to meet the needs of our children," he said. "To secure our future, we also have to be involved in looking for funding from grants and foundations on an ongoing basis."



Sam Fisher

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November 26, 1992

The Canadian Jewish news

Dear CJN Reader:

In the November 5 issue of The Canadian Jewish News, we published a letter from our editor asking those of you who receive this newspaper as a result of your donation to the United Israel Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal to subscribe directly.

As the editor's letter explained, since 1971 UIA and three local federations--Hamilton, Toronto and Windsor--have been purchasing subscriptions for donors from The CJN at a substantially discounted rate--a rate that has remained unchanged for 21 years. However, the costs of publishing this newspaper have risen substantially. While some of the increase is the result of inflation, a considerable portion of it is due to a change in postal regulations that raised postage rates dramatically in the past 20 months. The amount paid by the Federations for an annual subscription now covers only a small fraction of the delivery cost.

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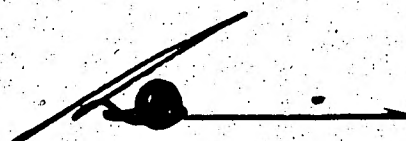
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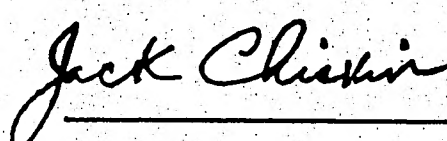
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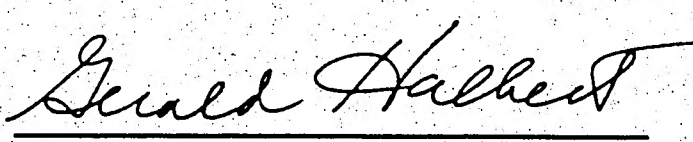
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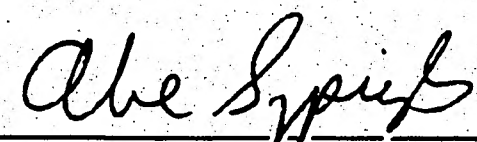
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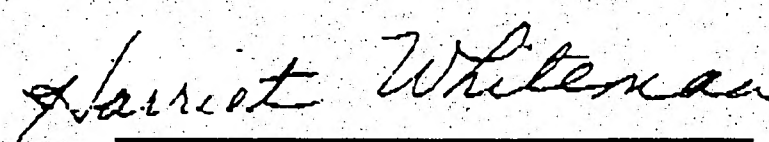
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Organizations and People



With Ottawa Negev Dinner honoree Rabbi Arnold Fine (left) is (from left) Henry Molot, chair of JNF Ottawa; and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Negev Dinner chair.

Ottawa rabbi feted by JNF

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

The last time Rabbi Arnold Fine planted a sapling in Israeli soil he was so moved, he cried.

Now, the organization whose name is synonymous with tree planting, the Jewish National Fund, will dedicate one of its projects to him. The Rabbi Arnold Fine Ottawa Road will run from the Jerusalem neighborhood of Givat Shaul to Moshav Beth Zait in the Jerusalem Forest.

Rabbi Fine was this year's honoree at the annual Ottawa JNF Negev Dinner held recently.

Fine, rabbi since 1981 of Agudath Israel, Ottawa's largest Conservative congregation, is known as a community-minded man.

He is chairman of the pastoral care committee at the Elizabeth Bruyere Centre, a palliative care hospital for terminally ill patients, as well as a pastoral consultant to other hospitals in the city. He also helped to get a Jewish hospice program off the ground.

He was the co-founder and the co-chair of the 10-year-old Ottawa Jewish Christian Dialogue, and has served on several committees of the Jewish Community Council, including the State of Israel Bonds committee and the panel on Jewish education.

Earlier this year, Rabbi Fine was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to mark his 25th year in the rabbinate.

Noting Rabbi Fine's reputation as a zealous jogger and walker, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, dinner chair, praised his colleague for his energetic service to the community.

"He's always running to do good deeds. That's the exercise that Rabbi Fine gets. Running to do good deeds to every single hospital here in the city, to every single seniors home, to all places where individuals may need his cheering up. And this is not just a visit; when he is there, he makes an impact," said Rabbi Bulka.

Marion Mayman, chair of the Agudath Israel Synagogue tribute, called Rabbi Fine a "true spiritual leader."

Rabbi Fine is deeply attached to Israel, and says he has tried to arrange a trip there whenever there was enough

money in the family kitty.

Two years ago, he took a six-month sabbatical in Jerusalem with his wife, Charlene, and his three teenaged daughters. A married son stayed home.

He recalled his visits to JNF forests and parks, and how they had flourished since he first visited Israel as a young man.

"You can go into the hills of Jerusalem or in the Galilee, or a whole lot of other places, and all of a sudden, where it was brown in 1960, or where it wasn't brown the trees were very low, now you have towering trees and it's beautiful and cool and it's a mechayah to have a picnic there. And there are all kinds of wonderful facilities for recreation," he said.

After listening to tributes from the evening's speakers, including his children, Rabbi Fine said he was overwhelmed by the kind things people said about him.

"I'd like meet this guy, Rabbi Fine," he quipped.

"I'd like to join his shul."

Bonds planning new telethon

TORONTO —

Following up on its Yom Kippur Bond Appeal, State of Israel Bonds is asking for volunteers to help with their first-ever Telephone Telethon on Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Larry Waller, executive director, Ontario for State of Israel Bonds, says that "this year's Bond drive has been one of the most successful in the past decade. However, the needs of olim in Israel are greater than ever. This means that we must redouble our efforts and ask these people who have committed to purchasing Bonds to do so as soon as they can."

To help Israel Bonds, Waller is asking for people to call or fax the Bonds office and volunteer for a two-hour shift (9-11 a.m. — 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.). Volunteers will be telephoning those people who have committed to purchasing Bonds, but have not yet completed their transaction.

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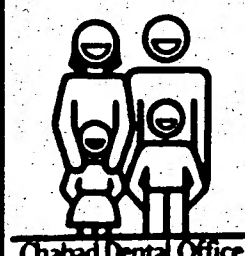
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Organizations and People

Photographer's skills credited for survival

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

The sanctuary was utterly still. No one coughed, not one chair creaked, as Faye Shulman told the audience about the day the Nazis killed almost every Jew in her Polish town.

Shulman was in Ottawa recently to speak about her experiences as a partisan during World War II, and to show her photographs from the war

years. She was a guest of the Ottawa Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

When the Nazis came to her town, Shulman was a dark-haired, dark-eyed 15-year-old, whose hobby was photography.

The day before the Jews were killed, soldiers had confiscated her camera. She understood this to be an ominous sign, but nobody else did. Her parents thought she was a teenager overreacting to a small

problem. After all, they had already lost their house and their money. A camera hardly mattered.

The next day, the Nazis ordered the Jews to assemble at a meeting spot. Shulman said everyone knew what was in store; they had seen the three long trenches that had been dug for the bodies.

But Shulman's darkroom skills were going to save her life. At the last minute, she was ordered to wait with a handful of other tradespeople in the town synagogue.

"They wanted a shoemaker, they wanted a tailor, they left me as a photographer. They needed them," she said.

From there, she climbed to the roof. She watched the shooting and said she still hears the shouting and crying today.

Though Shulman had no camera to record the massacre, the Nazis did. Later, they had her develop the film for them, and she kept copies for herself hidden in the bottom of a box of photo supplies.

After working briefly developing film for the Nazis, Shulman joined a Polish partisan army as a nurse for wounded partisans.

Just a teenager, she had no medical training. The doctor in her brigade was a veterinarian. They used vodka for a sedative and operated outdoors.

For three years, Shulman told a rapt audience, she slept outdoors. She carried a rifle and accompanied her brigade on every attack and ambush. When they could, they dug shallow trenches in the dirt in which to sleep.

"And there it was warm, not cold. But sometime we had to sleep in the

water, and sometime in the dirt and sometime in the ice and snow," she said.

And she continued taking pictures. The partisans got guns, medical and photographic supplies in towns after battles with Nazi troops. She had retrieved her camera when the partisans attacked her home town.

Shulman's collection of photographs includes pictures of her family and Jewish people in her town, and many pictures of her partisan brigade. Every picture highlights a story Shulman can tell about the war years. And every story she tells keeps her audience spellbound.

There are pictures of an eight-year-old Jewish girl left in Shulman's care after a partisan attack on a town. A priest's wife who had been hiding the child, was afraid her neighbors were getting suspicious, and begged Shulman to take her. The chubby-checked

youngster stayed with the brigade until it became too dangerous.

In several photographs, Shulman can point to Jews who fought in the partisan army. She said there were many who fought and did not go like lambs to the slaughter under the Nazis.

Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum brought the 90 students from the junior high class of Temple Israel to hear Shulman speak. He said it was important for them to hear from someone who witnessed with their own eyes what happened to the Jews during the Holocaust.

"It won't be so long before they're [survivors] not around any more," he said.

Shulman lives in Toronto and is a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress Holocaust Remembrance Committee.



Faye Shulman

Omission

The following was inadvertently left out of the article about the dinner honoring Sol Edell and his late grandfather Rabbi Joseph Weinreb (CJN, Nov. 12)

Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch, former rabbi of Clanton Park Synagogue and now rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Birkat Moshe in Maale Adumim, said that Noah, alone of all the great Biblical figures, is called upon to ask G-d's mercy at Rosh Hashanah and Hoshanah Rabbah.

Noah's story, Rabbi Rabinovitch said, was not dramatic — Noah was concerned with the very basic respon-

sibility of preserving life and securing its existence.

"His was the merit of one who was not swayed from his task even if there was no one to impress, no reward. This is the kind of virtue of Sol Edell."

Like Noah and his family, the rabbi said, this generation of Jews are survivors.

He urged the audience to support Israel "to make sense of our survival, and take the opportunity to transform ourselves from survivors to builders of the future."

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Centre Uzi Lee prepares to take a faceoff against Greece. Lee scored two goals in the game and notched three more against Turkey as he centred Israel's top line that included wingers Benny Shapiro and Ward Parson.

Israeli hockey team advances after beating Turks, Greeks

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Some people chuckled when they heard that Israel was joining the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) and was hoping to one day advance to Olympic competition.

Well, they're not laughing in Greece and Turkey these days, not after the Israeli nationals skated into the Turks' backyard and came away victors in a three-team IIHF Pool C qualifying tournament recently.

The victory allows the Israelis to advance to further Pool C elimination matches, set for March 12-21 in Ljubljana, Slovenia (once part of Yugoslavia). That tournament is the next step on a long and difficult climb up the IIHF ladder. Only one team from Pool C will eventually compete in the Olympics.

Israel figures to be in tough against the other members of Group A of Pool C, which includes Belgium, as well as North and South Korea. Two republics from the former Soviet Union will also participate — the winner of a tournament between Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, as well as the winner of a tournament featuring Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

With the break up of the Soviet Union, many of its constituent republics, which often supplied top players to the national team, applied for recognition as sovereign entities in the IIHF, said Gideon Lee, Toronto-based coach for the Israeli nationals.

Though the task ahead appears daunting, Lee and members of the Israeli team in the meantime are basking in the satisfaction of winning the elimination tournament in Ankara while garnering well deserved respect from their opponents.

The Israeli team that beat the Turks and Greeks was a much improved squad over the one that split two games with their Mediterranean opponents at the IIHF Pool C championships last March in South Africa, Lee said.

In addition to bolstering their lineup with Soviet-born players who are now eligible to represent Israel, the team benefitted from a six-day, pre-tournament training camp in Sofia, Bulgaria, he said.

Not only did they get much needed practice time on an international-size ice surface (Israel has miniature rinks by comparison), but the camp allowed the players to come together as a team, Lee said.

It was that teamwork, sound positional play, along with the added skill brought by Russian-born skaters that allowed Israel to beat Greece 8-2 in game one and follow

that up with a 14-4 victory over Turkey. While Israel had beaten the Turks in March, the Greeks had defeated Israel 7-4 in the same tourney.

Lee credited goalie Boris Amromin, MVP of the game against Greece, with a strong performance. Amromin, 17, arrived in Israel three years ago from Russia, according to Paul Shindman, president of the Israeli Ice Hockey and Figure Skating Association (IIHFA).

Amromin's performance was all the more remarkable considering he was wearing winger's elbow pads, his catching glove was held together with electric wire, his goalie pads were put together with "tape and chewing gum," he used a forward's skates that were a size-and-a-half too big and his chest protector was so flimsy, "I got nervous anytime someone took a slap shot at him," Lee said.

Another Russian-born player was still using his Russian-made skates, Lee said, and "we had to tape them up so the blade wouldn't come off the boot."

Earlier, leftwinger Oleg Sobolev came to a tryout camp with nothing more than his army uniform and borrowed skates, but was so impressive he eventually made the team, Lee added.

Despite the team's desperately deteriorated equipment, Lee said he was confident going into the tournament. He could see how much the team had improved since March, "though they were surprised at how well they clicked together."

Lee said he hopes the team will make further strides at a training camp in either Czechoslovakia or Hungary prior to the upcoming competition, but, as always, the team is in need of funds to help finance the venture.

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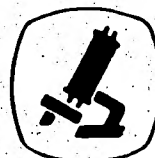
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Health, fitness, beauty on agenda for ORT

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Health, fitness and beauty will be featured at the Hamilton Women's Ort Spa Event on Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. in the party room of the Bentley Place, 67 Caroline St. S.

The new ORT fundraising project in conjunction with Estee Lauder cosmetics has already proved successful in Montreal, Victoria, BC, and most recently [Nov. 22] in Toronto, but as co-convenor Sylvia Katz explains, "each community does its own thing."

Hamilton's program will be the most elaborate so far, she said, "because we're doing three or four different things." Included are skin and hair care, cosmetics, exercise, fitness and nutrition.

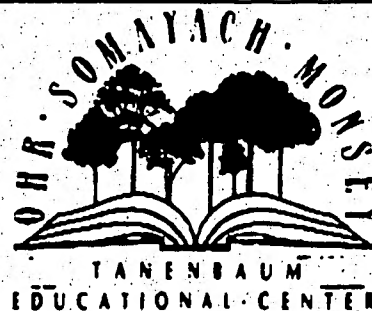
The whole idea of the program is to give participants an "overall view of health, fitness and beauty and the services available to them in this area," says Sharon Katz. "We cover all angles of what you'd get at a spa."

Also involved in the planning are Nancy Katz and Arlene Leibtag.

Proceeds from the event will go towards one of the ORT schools in Israel.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person, and tax receipts for \$40.00 will be issued.

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Organizations and People

Young Judaea reunion marks 75th anniversary

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Canadian Young Judaea (CYJ) alumni paid tribute to the organization at its recent 75th anniversary reunion held at the Westbury Hotel. The spirit of the Zionist youth organization was reflected in the Israeli music, food and dancing, and in the common bonds linking alumni of all ages who represented CYJ groups and summer camps from coast to coast.

Alumnus Manny Brown, the senior statesman of the reunion, joined CYJ in 1926 as a young teenager and became supervisor of Toronto Young Judaea in the 1930s. His wife, Libby, led CYJ's Aaronson Girls Club which met at Brunswick Talmud Torah during the '30s. "The idea was to inculcate an interest in what was then to become the Jewish state," recalled Brown, adding that CYJ was established immediately following the Balfour Declaration, the British declaration of sympathy with Zionist aspirations.

Ben Zion Shapiro, who was director of Camp Shalom in the 1960s, joined CYJ in 1943, and was one of the members of the first group of Judaeans to go to Israel for a year, he told *The CJN*. Shapiro's parents met through Young Judaea and his

children continued the tradition at Camp Shalom.

Two rooms at the reunion were devoted to photos and memorabilia, including copies of *The Judaeans* dating back to 1922. At that time the publication, which cost \$1 for a yearly subscription, billed itself as "the only Anglo-Hebrew monthly in the world." A commemorative issue of 1948 saluted the new republic of Israel and noted the establishment of Camp Shalom in Gravenhurst.

A four-page letter from absentee alumni Jack and Jo Cooper, who met through CYJ in 1961 and later married and settled in the Northwest Territories, was also on display.

A number of alumni have settled in Israel, and a letter from Israel was read during the formal presentation. Shalom Cohen brought greetings on behalf of the Israeli Consulate, as did Mirial Small on behalf of Hadassah-WIZO, and Robbie Feldman on behalf of Friends of Canadian Young Judaea. Shmulik Levkovitz, shaliach at the CYJ office, read greetings from Hanoar Hatzioni.

Emcee Risa Epstein-Gamliel, CYJ's executive director, spoke of the strong friendships that arose among Judaeans and the impact CYJ has had on their lives. She also announced the establishment of a scholarship to fund one camper per



Former Winnipeggers Harold Altman (left) and William Anhang reminisce about their days in Young Judaea with Joyce Attis, who is originally from Moncton and attended Camp Kadimah. [Frances Kraft photo]

season from a small community. The scholarship was established by the Biderman family in memory of Dale Biderman.

The reunion was attended by over 200 people, some of whom had

travelled from as far as Halifax. Following the formal presentation, a number of alumni took a turn at the microphone for impromptu reminiscing. About a dozen alumni of Camp Kadimah in Nova Scotia sang a rous-

ing version of their camp song.

Canadian Young Judaea is the youth arm of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and is affiliated with both Hanoar Hatzioni in Israel and the Canadian Zionist Organization.

Wallenberg sighted

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- In 1961, Wallenberg's mother's physician, Dr. Nanna Svartz, chanced to mention Wallenberg to a Soviet colleague while at a Moscow conference. The Russian doctor remarked that Wallenberg had been in his psychiatric clinic the day before. When Svartz reported his statements to the Swedish media, the doctor recanted and died, reportedly of a heart attack, a few weeks later.
- In 1977, a 66-year-old Jew named Jan Kaplan was released from a Soviet prison. He wrote a letter to his daughter in Israel, saying he was fine and recounted his experiences with a Swedish fellow prisoner who had been in jail for 30 years. The letter was apparently intercepted, Kaplan was re-arrested and has not been heard from since. His daughter has kept quiet, suggesting that she has been threatened.

There have been many other alleged sightings and meetings with Wallenberg by fellow prisoners from the 1950s and as recently as the late 1980s, Rosenfeld said. One reason is that Wallenberg may have been moved to as many as 15 prisons in the former Soviet Union.

It's possible, he added, that

Wallenberg may have been "misplaced" and lost in the massive Soviet gulag system.

In 1957, Andrei Gromyko, then deputy foreign minister, signed a document stating Wallenberg died 10 years earlier and his body had been cremated. Gromyko went on to become the Soviet Union's longest-serving foreign minister and no one had the nerve to countermand him, Rosenfeld pointed out.

Also involved in the case was former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, who was a Red Army general in Budapest when he ordered Wallenberg's arrest.

Although both men are dead, the Soviets have still not come clean on the Wallenberg file, Rosenfeld said.

After conducting a massive search, the commission has turned up some of Wallenberg's papers but the files of prisoners and guards who may have had contact with him after 1947 are missing, Rosenfeld said. The investigation is currently "bogged down" in the aftermath of the Soviet Union's collapse.

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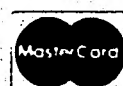
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Organizations and People

Rabbi says goodbye to Halifax

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX —

When Rabbi Marvin Pritzker came to Halifax 17 years ago, he knew the Beth Israel Congregation would be demanding.

"After all, they gave me a workout when I was here for my interview weekend," he said recently as he prepared to leave Halifax for Toronto, where he will spend his retirement years.

"I thought I was applying for a CEO job," he smiled. "They asked me to bring my wife so they could meet her."

On that weekend in 1975, he made three speeches, ran two services, attended a social event, met the board of the Orthodox congregation in a private interview and even performed unveilings for two people he did not know.

He discovered all his time would be taken up in a congregation interested in a full range of Jewish practices.

Retiring this month at age 70, after being feted by the congregation at a testimonial dinner Nov. 16, he said his legacy should include keeping the congregation on an even keel and maintaining the standards he found.

"I think the congregation has been an element of stability in the religious

life of this community," he said. "It is very baalebatish, has a respectable regard for Jewish tradition."

He said he would like to be remembered as having instilled a respect for Jewish tradition and for helping young people to share in the religious life of the community.

"The heart and core has been the daily [morning and evening] minyan," he said. "It's been tough to maintain at times, but I never eased up or became discouraged."

Beth Israel Synagogue president Errol Gaum said Rabbi Pritzker always showed "a high degree of professionalism. He has been thorough, punctual and devoted to his position here. He was always willing to pitch in and help, ensuring every detail was covered. He has been a president's rabbi."

Beth Israel Sisterhood president Kathy Zilbert said the rabbi was always a "great source of information. Often, it might not be what you liked to hear, but you always knew he was looking out for the interests of the congregation."

Rabbi Pritzker said the attitude of respect to the rabbi from the congregants and vice versa is one he hopes will continue. To survive, he said, "the congregation has to challenge its

members to maintain all the services it performs, never easing up on the standards it has set."

Rabbi Pritzker, a Cleveland, Ohio native, received his bachelor of arts degree from Yeshiva College, his rabbinical ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, his master's degree in education from University of Pittsburgh and his master's in Jewish history from Yeshiva University.

He had pulpits in Aliquippa and Homestead, Pa. (near Pittsburgh), was teacher and principal of the day school and after-school program of the Ottawa Talmud Torah and served four years as rabbi at Young Israel of Ottawa before coming to Halifax.

In Toronto, he expects to be involved in community work as a volunteer. He laughed when he said he isn't sure if he'll attend daily morning minyan at 6:30 or 7 a.m. "My colleagues tell me I have been on vacation for 17 years in Halifax [where minyan begins at 8 a.m.]," he said. "It may be difficult to go to minyan so early."

Rabbi Pritzker's position in Halifax will be taken by Rabbi Oren Ismailoff, 26, who has been associate rabbi for the past year. He officially assume the pulpit last August.



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Shalom Village gets WCB award

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Shalom Village has been named a recipient of the Workwell Award by the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB).

Under a new program instituted by the WCB to encourage health and safety in the workplace, the award is based on the number of claims made against the board through the year.

Shalom Village came second out of 24 businesses and employers in Ontario to be recognized.

The awards were presented by Robert Stanbury, vice-chair of the WCB, at a ceremony in Toronto late last month.

"I nearly went through the floor in shock" when Shalom Village was called up second, reports administrator, Sheila Burman.

Order of merit

The awards were to be handed out in order of merit and she had just settled back in her chair to wait, said Burman, when she was surprised to hear Shalom Village being announced.

The award consists of a certificate and a rebate of "up to 75 percent" of annual contributions to the WCB.

Shalom Village, Burman said proudly, "got about 75 percent of our charges back to us."

It's hard not to have any claims, admitted Burman. The latest philosophy, she said, "is that it's cheaper to bring a person back to work in some other capacity. Even," she said, "if it means that they are not going to be as productive as they used to be."

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His philanthropic endeavours with Boys Town and so many other noble causes will remain as an enduring legacy.

May the family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Rabbi Alexander S. Linchner, Chairman

Organizations and People

Hidden Children focus on politicians

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Copies of a resolution presented to the Dutch government following the conference on Hidden Children held in Amsterdam in late August have been sent to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Secretary of State for External Affairs Barbara McDougall, Opposition leader Jean Chretien and leader of the NDP, Audrey McLaughlin.

The resolution was sent by Emmy Weisz of Hamilton, who also translated it, shortly after her return from the conference.

"It is a very, very important resolution," she stresses.

So far, the only reply has come from the office of Jean Chretien. It assures Weisz of Canada's continuing commitment to the protection of children as ratified by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and states that a copy of the resolution has been forwarded to Liberal human rights critic, Beryl Gaffney.

The conference was organized by Dutch Jewish Social Services and a recently established Dutch organization specializing in providing therapy for war victims.

About 500 survivors, including many from the United States, Israel and about 10 from Canada, attended.

Weisz is a social worker specializing in "third age services" and executive director of Beth Tikvah Foundation, a group home for Jewish developmentally handicapped older adults.

She was immensely impressed, she said in a recent interview at her office, "with the calibre of therapists" provided at the conference.

"As a therapist myself... I was simply bowled over. What all of us had to overcome," she explained, "was that we had never spoken about our experiences."

"We didn't dare. Everybody else around us is a survivor from the camps and so, how the hell could I tell my story? How could I have suffered?" asked Weisz, who was 12 years old in 1942 when she was taken in by a family. Eventually she ran away and survived mostly by her wits alone and, occasionally, with other families. Her mother and younger sister and brother survived under false papers.

The implied suggestion was always, said Weisz, that "we were the lucky ones."

But the hidden children have their

own stories and that "was what the emphasis was on: no matter what, it's your story."

If there was one thing conference participants learned, it was not to say "you were lucky." Because that, stated Weisz, "is really the most damaging thing you can do."

Participants shared their stories and the first to tell his was Ed Thyn, now the mayor of Amsterdam.

Another hidden child was Rabbi Zoetendorp, chief rabbi of Holland, who delivered the closing speech "with tears streaming down his face."

Yet another prominent participant was the Dutch minister of culture, Hedy d'Ancona, also a hidden child survivor.

There were countless "heart-rending" stories and "you just never stopped crying."

One story Weisz cannot forget is of the man, aged about 50, who got up and asked: "Does anybody know who I am? I had red curly hair, I think my name was Isaac. My parents got me out of the train and I don't know who they are."

And of course, added Weisz, "everybody thinks: perhaps they are still alive..."

Children were hidden for a variety of reasons. Occasionally it was out of genuine compassion but mostly, said Weisz, it was "to save them for Christ" or simply for money.

Often, the families who took these children in were "quite unsophisticated" people who had never met Jews and many survivors told of racism in these homes.

Many were converted and some of those who had married non-Jews later "lost their families for a second time" when they discovered their Jewish origins.

Weisz told of a video shown on Dutch national television which upset a great many people because of its negative portrayal of "the so-called good things that had been done for the Jewish people" and the struggle many Jewish parents had after the war trying to recover their children from families that refused to give them up.

"There was often no understanding," said Weisz.

It was during the conference that face riots erupted in Germany and Weisz told of the terror that gripped many of the survivors when they heard the news.

Despite the security, some were too terrified even to walk to the street car, she said.

Resolution

From August 23-25 more than 500 persons gathered in Amsterdam. As children during World War II, they had been in hiding in the Netherlands. These children hid because, as Jews, they were threatened with annihilation.

Now 50 years later, it is becoming clear that persecution, flight and destruction of the cultural and social environment, especially for children, have a lasting impact on development. The many personal stories of these previously hidden children has widened understanding of these consequences.

We, the participants at this conference, realize what it means to be a child and to be dependent and helpless. Aid to survive is of course the very first need. However, more than that is needed. Every child is in need of a positive environment, an environment which answers the questions of existence and stimulates future development.

Contact with parents and other family members is essential for this development. We have experienced

what it means when these contacts are broken by violence and terror. Children are occasionally vulnerable since they were not asked for an opinion.

We observe with grave concern that every day children still have to flee from extreme deprivation, danger and persecution. The terror in the former Yugoslav republic, the misery in Somalia and the numerous other places where children are again becoming the victims must be acknowledged.

Therefore, we request that very serious attention be paid to the plight of all children who have to hide and flee. The rights of the child to be protected and to have the opportunity to grow should be without restriction.

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Writer Clenman has reason to celebrate this year

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The talented writer Donia Blumenfeld Clenman had a double reason to celebrate recently.

The first birthday of her grandchild, Kim Helene Cohen, coincided with the publication of her latest book, the beautifully illustrated (by Laszlo Gal) *The Moon and the Oyster* a children's story published by Orca Books of Victoria, B.C., dedicated to Kim Helene. It is now in bookstores.

The Moon and the Oyster is newsworthy in another way—it was a film before it was a book. TVOntario

made a mixed media 15-minute film based on the book and it runs from time to time on that network.

This year has been an eventful one for Clenman who won first prize in the 1992 Voices Israel Poetry Competition on the theme of environment and ecology. Her poem *And my Heart Mourns for my Ancestors* was the unanimous choice of the judges. She attended the XIII World Congress of Poets in Haifa in September, along with 200 other delegates from 30 countries, where she received the award.

Clenman adopted her mother's maiden name, Blumenfeld, to commemorate the 75 members of her

mother's family who perished in the Holocaust.

The writer, now 65, along with her late mother, Hinda, survived in a concentration camp and arrived in Canada in 1948, brought here on the strength of tickets sent to them by her grandfather here, a man she had never seen. Her mother died at the age of 72.

"It was my mother who saved my life, bringing me food and protecting me in other ways," said Clenman, who was only age 11 when World War II broke out.

A poet, children's writer and librettist, her works have been published,

broadcast, televised, performed and recorded. More than 100 of Clenman's poems have appeared in journals and anthologies in Canada, the United States, England, Australia, New Zealand and Israel with numerous translations into French, Hebrew and Chinese.

Many of her poems have been set to music by prominent Canadian composers. Her collaboration with Srul Irving Glick consists of *Deborah: A Musical Story for Narrator and Brass Quintet*, the much performed *Northern Sketches* and, most recently, *Music for Chanukah*, commissioned for performance and broadcast by the Toronto

Children's Chorus.

The author is a member of the Hebrew Literary Circle headed by Kolya Shimrat which meets regularly at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Library and she credits it with keeping alive an interest in the vibrant literature being written in this resurrected tongue.

Clenman and her husband, Martin, a former high school mathematics department head, and in retirement a busy photographer, have visited Israel 10 times and many of her poems reflect the Israeli scene. Their first visit was in 1983.

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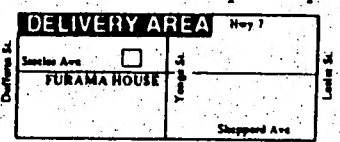
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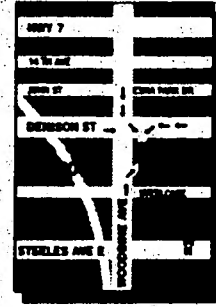
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Fashion

Jordan's is still going strong

By BRUCE PARKINSON

Many of Toronto's Jewish men came of age wearing a bar mitzvah suit purchased from Jordan's Apparel, and the Jordan's never know where they'll run into one.

"I was sitting in a restaurant in New York City when the maitre'd came up and said, 'I know you.'" "I don't think so," Ron Jordan's replied. "I'm from Toronto." "I'm from Toronto too," said the waiter. "You sold me my bar mitzvah suit."

Ron and his brother Louis are the principals of Jordan's Apparel, now that father Sidney has "three-quarters retired."

Sidney has been retiring for several years now, in fact he and a partner started the business in the schmatta district of Spadina in 1973 as "a recreational project." Sidney was into his fifties at that time.

Ron started working at the store part-time when he was 12 years old. He began his full-time role there "the day after university ended." Louis followed a similar path.

By 1992, Spadina was no longer the draw it once was for clothing shoppers, so Ron and Louis decided to follow the exodus of many of their neighbors north. The new location is at 1025A Finch West, just west of Dufferin.

Lack of parking was one of the major drawbacks of the Spadina location, and Ron says business dropped commensurately with the

rise in parking fines.

There's nothing flashy about the current Jordan's premises, but then, Ron points out, there never was in the old location either. "We were always That store. The one beside the luggage store."

But father Sidney has a philosophy about that. "Show me a clean store and I'll show you a store that doesn't make money," he used to say.

The warehouse location at the back of a building today is still spartan, but all the clothing is easily accessible and well presented. Anything fancy would deter from what Jordan's is all about.

"We're a true discounter. What we save on rent and fixtures we pass on to the customer. It's a warehouse but we pride ourselves on service and quality. You can only sell someone a cheap product once. We're not looking for the quick sale. We want people to come back and to advertise for us," says Ron.

When Ron is asked what he and his brother enjoy about their work, it is Louis' voice that answers from beyond a partition. "The kids," he yells. "We like to make them feel comfortable and most of them are fun," says Ron. "And we're hoping they'll stay with us over the years."

The bar mitzvah suit reputation has encouraged the brothers to expand their product for boys to sweaters, jerseys, baseball caps and other sportswear. There's also a wide selection of men's suits and coats, dress and casual, for boys and men. Made-to-

measure is available on request.

Ron says trust is a big part of the retailer-customer relationship, and that they know many of their clients by name. "It boils down to trust. If they have faith that I'm not taking too much from him, he'll come back."

A majority of Jordan's clients come from the Jewish community, but since the move to Dufferin and Finch there have been a substantial number of Italian, Portuguese and other customers. Expanding the customer base is a priority for future growth.

"We have the majority of spring stock in for Passover and the same for Rosh Hashanah and the High Holidays in the fall," says Louis. "Those seasons set us up well for the gentle holidays of Christmas and Easter."

Sidney is still a vital part of the operation, Louis says, and mother Ruth, a seamstress by trade, also helps out with alterations.

They live only a few minutes away from the new location, and Ron often heads there for lunch, with a few alterations in hand.

Ron and Louis characterize their working relationship as "Good cop, Bad cop." Ron is the optimistic, let's-place-a-big-order type, while Louis is more pragmatic and safe. "It works well," says Ron.

And though the recession has battered Jordan's Apparel like any other clothing retailer, the brothers look forward to the future. "We're too young to be too negative," says Ron. "With this kind of business, when it gets the turnover and volume, it really shines."



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Fashion

Avoid dry cleaning horror stories

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

If you don't have any dry cleaning horror stories of your own to tell, chances are good you've heard someone else's. Shrinkage, bleeding colors, lost garments, fabric disintegration, broken or melted buttons — the list goes on.

With many of today's high-fashion styles, special care must be taken at the dry cleaner's to ensure that your clothing is returned to you in top condition.

One of the problems is the strength of dry cleaning solutions used in Canada, says Pauline Ashworth, consultant, City of Toronto fashion industry liaison committee. As a rule, Canadians use perchloroethylene, which is stronger than the petroleum or fluorocarbon solvents used by their European counterparts.

One drawback to the milder solvents, not to mention their price (about double that of the stronger solution), is that they affect the ozone layer, particularly the fluorocarbon solvent. In fact, says Dave Puskas, assistant manager of the Dry Cleaners and Launderers Institute (Ont.), the fluorocarbon solvent will be phased out some time during this decade for precisely that reason.

Any Canadian garment with the green circular dry-cleaning care sym-

bol is safe for use with perchlorethylene, says Chris Chiba, textile specialist, Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. The amber symbol indicates restrictions on aspects such as mechanical action, solvent temperature or cleaning time.

Another obstacle to trouble-free dry cleaning occurs when cleaners "throw everything into one big drum" or fail to clean their solutions regularly. "I won't send anything white to the cleaners unless I know them," says Ashworth.

The Creed Group's dry cleaning unit is known for quality work with delicate items. To minimize problems arising from dirty solutions, Jack Creed, president of the group, told *The C/N* that "we clean from light [loads] to dark" as well as cleaning the full solution every day.

Puskas disputes whether frequent cleaning is actually necessary. "Today with state of the art dry cleaning technology, the solvent is constantly being filtered," he says.

The Creed Group uses "the European method," Creed explained. A milder cleaning solution, and shorter, less damaging cleaning and drying cycles are used.

Creed acknowledged that even with the care his company takes, problems still arise occasionally.

To minimize potentially expensive problems, Creed's uses a time-

intensive process, which begins with an inspection of the garment. "We can't give you same-day service with quality clothes," Creed said.

A good suit will take five days from start to finish, he explained. Potential problems are duly noted, and the customer is advised if there are any major potential problems. One day is set aside to clean the suit, another to press it.

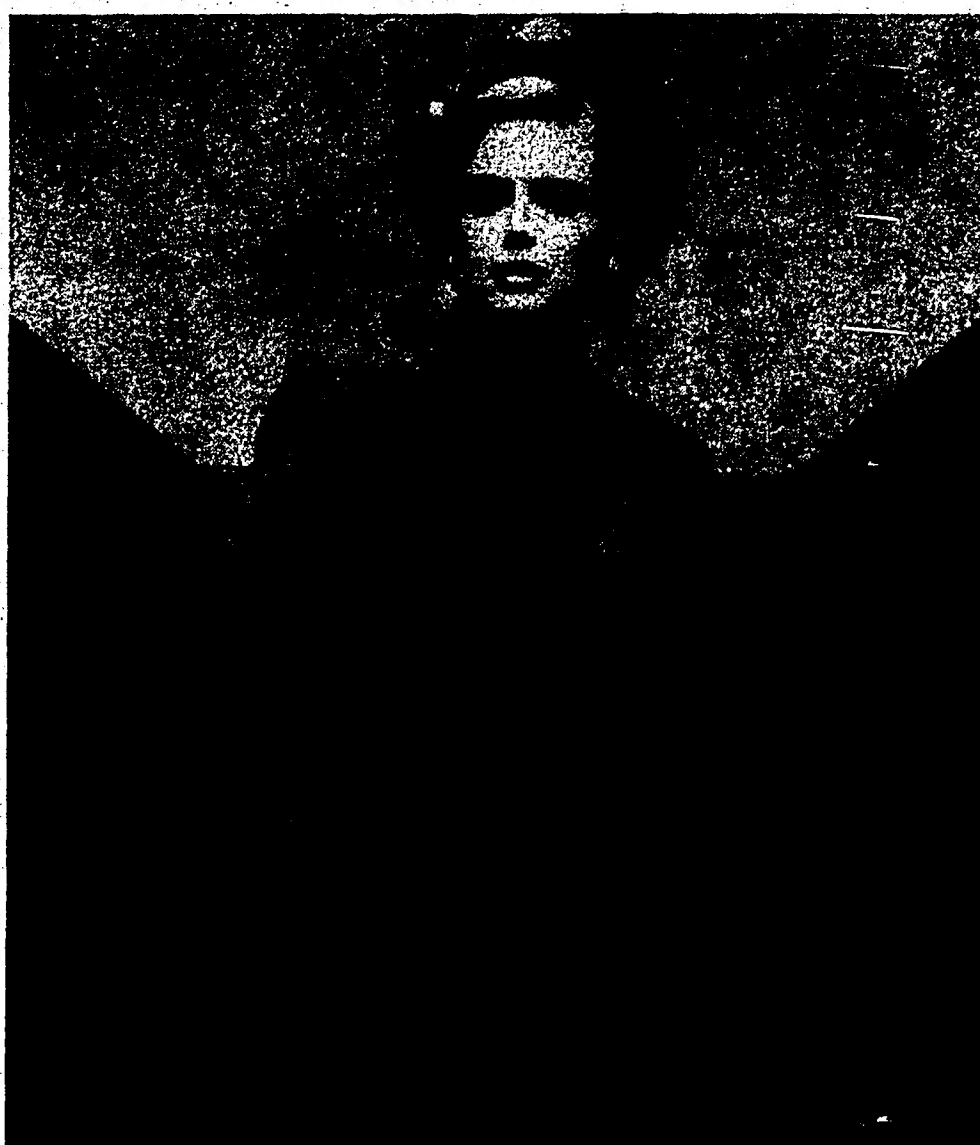
Buttons are removed prior to cleaning and labelled with the customer's name. Their positions are marked, and they are replaced when the cleaning is finished.

Creed prefers removing buttons to wrapping them. "What if the wrapping comes off? There are a lot of what-if's," he says. Ashworth concurs with his philosophy. "If in doubt, remove the buttons," she advises.

The extra care taken by The Creed Group is reflected in their prices. You can expect to pay about double what it would cost at the well-known dry cleaning chains to clean a silk blouse, for example.

Too many people choose their dry cleaner for convenience of location, Creed believes.

Some tips on choosing a dry cleaner: "Don't go for same-day service," says Creed. "It can't be good."



CLASS ACT

From Simon Chang, this boxy jacket with checkered and striped lapel and pocket detail is retailing for \$320. The mock turtleneck tunic sweater with novelty cable front is available at \$115.

SEHM offers incentive package to exhibitors

SEHM, the world crossroads for men's fashion, has decided to expand its offer.

The next SEHM session, from Jan. 30 to Feb. 2, 1993, will be offering a new exhibition space for all those who believe that active sportswear, even when designed with purely technical requirements in mind, still deserves a place in the masculine wardrobe.

Today, as progress in marketing emphasizes the highly diverse and increasingly segmented demand, SEHM is aiming for global fashion coverage: SEHM brings together the entire range of men's and boys' wear — in all its diversity — at a single location.

SEHM is organized around four major fashion areas: the Couturiers and Design Trade Show; the City and Leisure Wear Centre; the Jean Cross-Roads; and the Pullover, Underwear, and Accessories Market.

In addition, SEHM continues to meet the needs of constantly changing markets with Nouvel Espace where today's most advanced fashion products are shown.

Meanwhile, SEHM's Carrefour Mode-Oriented keep visitors abreast of the latest trends in men's wear: new products that meet the needs of today's consumers, from active sportswear to leisure wear.

SEHM-February's new active sportswear section will be located in Hall 2 with the "Nouvel Espace and the Carrefour Mode-Oriented The entire SEHM-February, an international meeting place for all those in the world of men's fashion, will cover some 60,000 sq.m. in Halls 1 and 2 of the Parc des Expositions de Paris at the Porte de Versailles.

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HOME BEAUTIFUL

Expert predicts changes in home decorating trends

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The old adage of keeping up with the Joneses no longer applies in the thrifty times of the 1990s.

As trend-watchers predicted, the fast-living, competitive '80s have tapered into a simpler, back-to-basics era. The reasons for this move include spiralling living expenses and a yen for nostalgia.

We have seen a resurgence in simple pleasures like movies, flowers and teddy bears coupled with comfort foods like meat loaf, roast chicken and mashed potatoes.

This comfort trend has also moved into our homes.

"We are on the verge of great changes," says Annette Robicsek, owner of Annette's Interiors.

Robicsek says the recession is the largest factor in the long-awaited changes. As is true in most sectors, people are still spending money, but they are doing so cautiously.

Most people, she says, are placing a great emphasis on value for their hard-earned dollars. Words like long-lasting, flexibility and recycling are the buzzwords of today.

As far as home decorating is concerned, this means that the most popular pieces are those that can stand the test of time. Flexibility can be found in the dining room table that is suitable for an apartment but still expands for events such as Passover.

Societal changes, such as the growth of the older population and the aging of the baby boomers, have prompted the necessity of reusing and recycling.

Baby boomers are inheriting family heirlooms as their parents move to smaller accommodations, and a mix of furniture styles is created as these pieces are integrated.

Also, when a new, big-ticket item is purchased, many look at the object as an inheritance for their children. Durability is essential.

Everything down to the colors are changing. Gone are the days of olive greens, the pastel pinks and large patterns. These have been replaced by more practical deeper tones.

For example, Robicsek says the move has been made from apricot to terra cotta to copper. Pale mint has changed to teal and again to a deep forest green. The neutrals are more subtle, the yellows have more red tones than green and beige is combined with a little red creating a richer color.

Metallic colors, such as copper, gold leaf, aluminum, stainless steel, silver and pewter are also popular.

Robicsek says that many of her clients are moving away from shiny lacquers as they rediscover wood, a move she attributes to the practicality of this material. Another strong trend is the mix of metal with exotic woods such as cherry, maple, teak, rosewood, ebonized hardwood, ash, koa and karelian birch with ebony trim.

Although color is important, Robic-



Taken from Azure Magazine, this dresser by Shiro Kuramata for Cappellini, illustrates the softer trend that is becoming popular in furniture design.

sek says that her clients are also placing an emphasis on texture. This is seen in the resurgence of rich tapestries, upholstery, mosaics and terrazzo tiles. Even walls are being viewed as an ar-

chitectural surface and wallpapers are available with a fine ceramic grain or wood shavings. Velvet, corduroy and flock papers can also sharpen up a room.

Robicsek says that today's window dressings are in contradiction to the back-to-basics theme. She points out that people will spend money on accessorizing their homes before purchasing more expensive items — a trend echoed in the fashion industry.

As a result, various fabrics have been flounced, pleated, gathered, and draped to add a little extra spice to the room.

Spice is also found in furniture designs themselves. Robicsek says that designers are adding humor — this may take the form of hat box end tables, for instance, or hen clawed table legs.

She notes that, for the most part, rigid structures and straight lines have given way to softer, curved, homey designs.

While Shaker furniture and classic Danish designs are quite popular, Canadian Asian designers are taking the market by storm. Robicsek notes many innovative shapes and styles have been formed by the mixing of the two cultures.

Robicsek has worked in the industry for over 18 years. A member of the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO), Robicsek has a background in fine arts.

She is able to accommodate all types of budgets but her greatest challenges come from clients who appreciate the thoughtful artistic process that goes into her work.

It is her clients who ultimately have to feel happy and comfortable in their home, she stresses.

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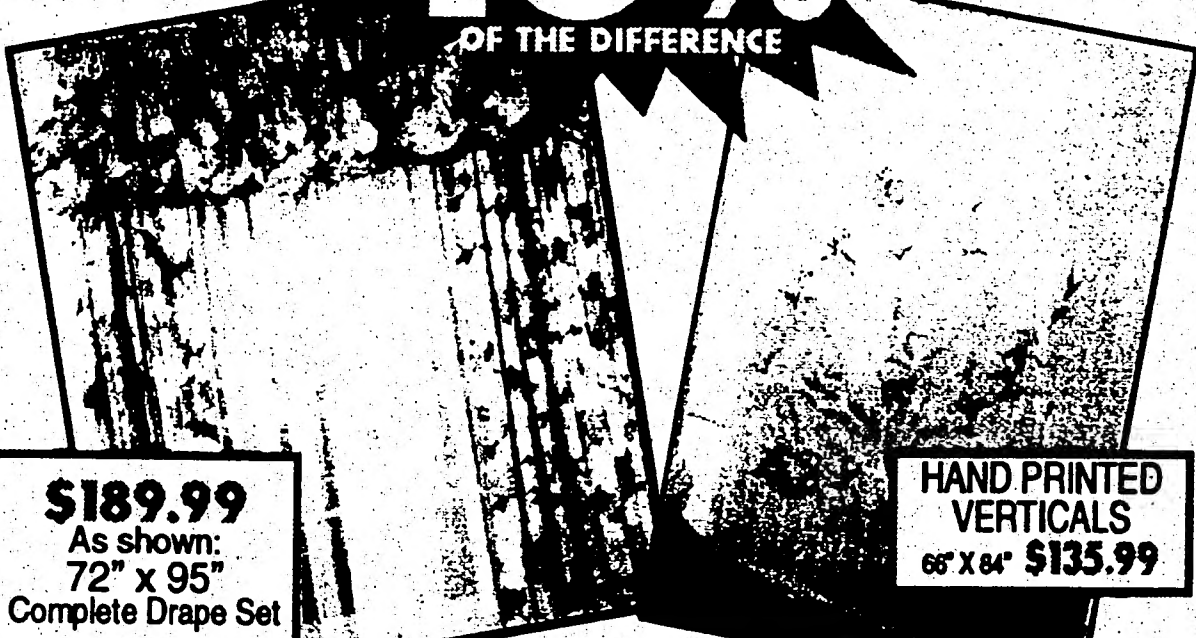
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Gallery displays renowned artists' works

By RANDI DRUZIN

Fine art is not only the indulgence of the haute monde, says the owner of one of Toronto's newest art stores. When Heinrich Della Scalla opened Della Scalla Fine Arts a year ago, he set out to "make art more accessible to the general public. On any given day, I feature 50 hand-pulled prints and paintings from 10 to 14 different artists," Della Scalla explains. "I have something for everyone."

Della Scalla, who grew up in Transylvania

(yes, that Transylvania) then moved to Moldova before settling in Toronto, stocks the creations of many renowned artists. Currently featured at his store is the work of Israeli painter and colorist Yitzhak Tarkai and French-Bolivian artist Rodo Graziela Boulanger, among others.

Della Scalla also features several Canadian artists, though he says the Canadian art establishment is not yet well-established. Included in this collection are paintings by Toronto's own Eric Waugh as well as stone lithographs by Canadian artist Her-

ald Altman.

Though Della Scalla recently launched his "first major advertising campaign" by distributing 16,000 flyers and 1,200 brochures that promote featured artists, he says many of his customers are simply "walk-by traffic. They happen across my store while walking along Front Street," he says. "They come in just to browse, and then they see something they really like."

Della Scalla encourages even fledgling art collectors to drop by his store.



This is an example of Robert Sinclair's work, an exhibit that opened on November 14 at Della Scalla Fine Arts. Sinclair is a Canadian artist from Vancouver.

Mixture of styles is new decorating trend

By JOSEPH SERGE

When decorating your home, sometimes it's best to go with a transitional approach. A mixture of traditional and contemporary not only assures an original look but also one that won't quickly go out of style.

Although traditional design is popular right now, some people are mixing the best of both worlds. "Some young people hear about Southwest and Mediterranean decor and then read about traditional decor and they get a little confused," says interior design specialist Nick Alcaro, owner of Contempo Decor. "So they like to mix the two."

Alcaro and his staff suggest to his clients ways of mixing the two styles. "For instance if someone wants a modern glass table, I suggest they put Oriental furniture around it, or antique decorations on it," Alcaro says. "This mixture of modern and traditional is eclectic and unique. People tend to like that."

An advantage of mixed or transitional decor is that it doesn't go in and out of style like either traditional or modern. "A mixed, eclectic design lasts for a long time, and people don't get tired of that," Alcaro explains.

Also it's practical. If someone pays a lot of money for an antique painting and then buys an expensive modern table, that person will want to keep them both.

But if keeping up with the latest trends is your style, you should know that traditional designs are currently popular. A traditional wallpaper design, for instance, is a lot more floral than it used to be. Or plain wall covers tend to have marbled effects.

Alcaro who opened Contempo Decor 14 years ago, has seen styles come and go in regular cycles and predicts traditional decor will only last a couple more years.

"A lot of people are getting tired of it and are tending to go with something fresher like Californian or Mediterranean styles. I see that coming again," Alcaro says, "more striking looking, fresher, living, younger styles."

Alcaro travels to Europe frequently and because Europeans are ahead of us in the fashion/design world, what is popular there will often be popular here in a few years.

"Sometimes I'm scared to bring the colors [I find over there]," Alcaro says. "They [his clients] look at the orange-yellows, and the yellow-olives and they say, 'You're crazy!' But of course once the colors come in and are introduced, people will fall in love with them."



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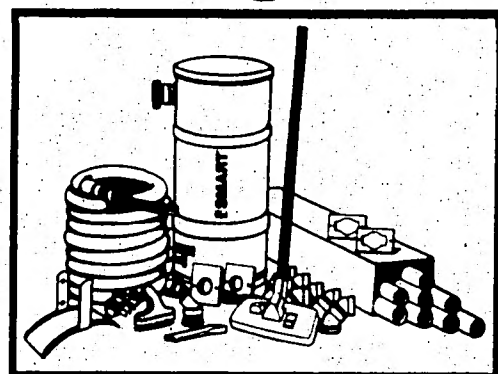
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Hand-crafting tiles is taken to an art form

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

A young talented Jewish entrepreneur has combined his artistic ability with his business acumen to develop two unusual businesses — producing handmade architectural tiles and establishing the Centre for Jewish Arts & Crafts.

Marvin Esser, 27, who graduated with a degree in architecture from Carlton University in Ottawa in 1989 and who has had "an obsession" with crafts since childhood says that in an age of mass production and inferior quality materials, "I believe that craftsmanship is making a comeback." With only a few dollars in his pocket, Esser began making tiles the same way they were made for thousands of years — by hand.

In his custom line, each design has a distinctive charm and no two tiles are alike. The original tiles are either rolled flat or hand pressed into molds to produce a sculptured design.

"They work well in areas of high moisture such as a kitchen or bathroom," says Esser, "but application does not stop there." He explains that the tiles can be applied as exterior decorative treatment because they are stoneware clay which is strong, durable, and heat resistant — ideal for a kitchen backsplash, fireplace front, basement, crown mouldings, sills and doorways.

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Marvin Esser Tiles has completed several major projects including a home on the Bridle Path for Gluckstein Design. "The feedback has been good and I'm

looking forward to additional work this year." He adds that Marvin Esser Tiles are now on display at Designers Walk Resource Centre at 168 Bedford Rd.

Esser attended Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, the University of Toronto and the Koffler Centre of the Arts before entering engineering. He has combined his studies in architecture with 20 years of experience working in the medium of clay. His years of study help him produce exquisite tile designs in a range of vibrant colors.

"Marvin Esser Tiles impressed us with the production of good quality, hand pressed, architectural relief tiles," says Bob Caspell, managing director of World Mosaic (Toronto) Inc. where Esser's tiles are available. "The product is unique in the marketplace and having the availability of local production of Esser's finely crafted tiles is positively exceptional in our industry."

Esser's clientele includes many architects or interior designers. He says that whether a designer calls for an historic reproduction of brickwork, pattern and color matching on tiles, or an original work of art, by working closely with the clients "the results can be achieved with elegance and durability — the design possibilities are as endless as your imagination."

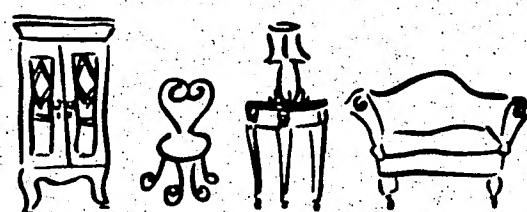
The Centre for Jewish Arts & Crafts on Colville Road in the Keele and Lawrence area was founded on the philosophy that crafts in the Jewish tradition are an integral part of the Jewish heritage.

The centre is a place for Jewish artists and aspiring artists to exchange ideas and skills. It offers regular children's art classes on Sundays and an adult drop-in workshop every Tuesday night. Pieces are available for sale.



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Fine Design Fabrics illustrates the terrific look that can be created when a piece of furniture is reupholstered.

Upholstery business boasts 25 years of industry experience

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Anyone looking to reupholster a sofa, chair or loveseat should make sure the furniture warrants recovering, advises Stephen Handelman, who owns Fine Design Fabrics together with his brother Marty. "If I really don't think it's worth doing, I won't do it," he says.

Handelman, or one of his staff of three upholsterers, go out to the homes of his customers to check the condition of any furniture before it is brought in for re-covering and to give a free, on-the-spot estimate. He also offers free pick-up and delivery, with a guarantee that the job will be done within two weeks.

Rates for reupholstery work varies as each piece of furniture is unique, however, Handelman quotes some average prices. Re-covering a sofa costs \$300 to \$400, he says, doing a loveseat is in the \$250 range and re-covering a chair costs \$200 to \$250. "My prices are the lowest in town for the best quality work," he says.

Fine Design Fabrics located in an industrial area near the Downsview airport (4100 Chesswood Dr.), keeps their overhead and expenses low. These savings are passed on to the customer.

In the eight months since the store opened, Handelman has received only a couple of enquiries from do-it-yourselfers who want to recover their own furniture. He emphasizes that reupholstering, unlike making drapes, is a real skill, best left to the professional. "Our three guys each have 30 years of experience in the business and they do excellent work," he says.

Having grown up in the furniture business, Stephen and his brother Marty have 25 years of upholstery experience between them. "We know what we're talking about when it comes to furniture," he says.

Handelman carries, at excellent prices, a large selection of 100 percent cotton chintzes, a specialty of Fine Design Fabrics, which he says are excellent for re-covering work. He also stocks woven fabrics, including tapestries and a variety of jacquards, as well as leather.

In-stock fabrics for reupholstering start at \$4.99 a yard and go up to \$20. A special order can run up to \$30 a yard.

Response to Fine Design Fabrics has been highly favorable, which Handelman attributes to a very price-conscious public.

They carry over 700 rolls of top quality fabric, selling direct wholesale to the public and they offer a 10 percent discount to people in the trade, including drapery people, upholsterers and decorators. Along with their upholstery service, they have a drapery service.

Fine Design Fabrics sells drapery supplies, including shearing tape, velcro and drapery lining for drapes or for customers who choose to make drapes themselves.

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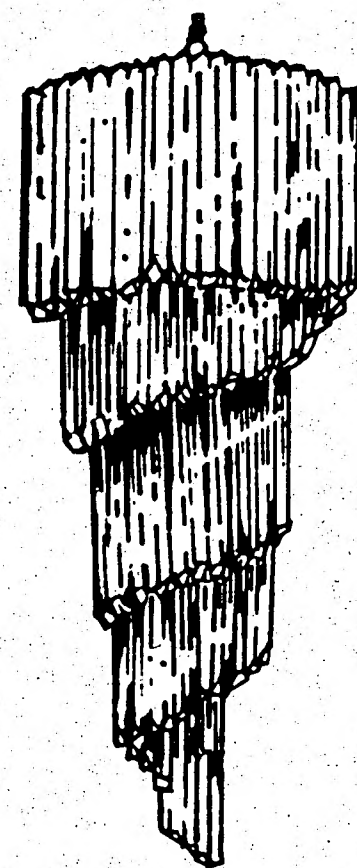


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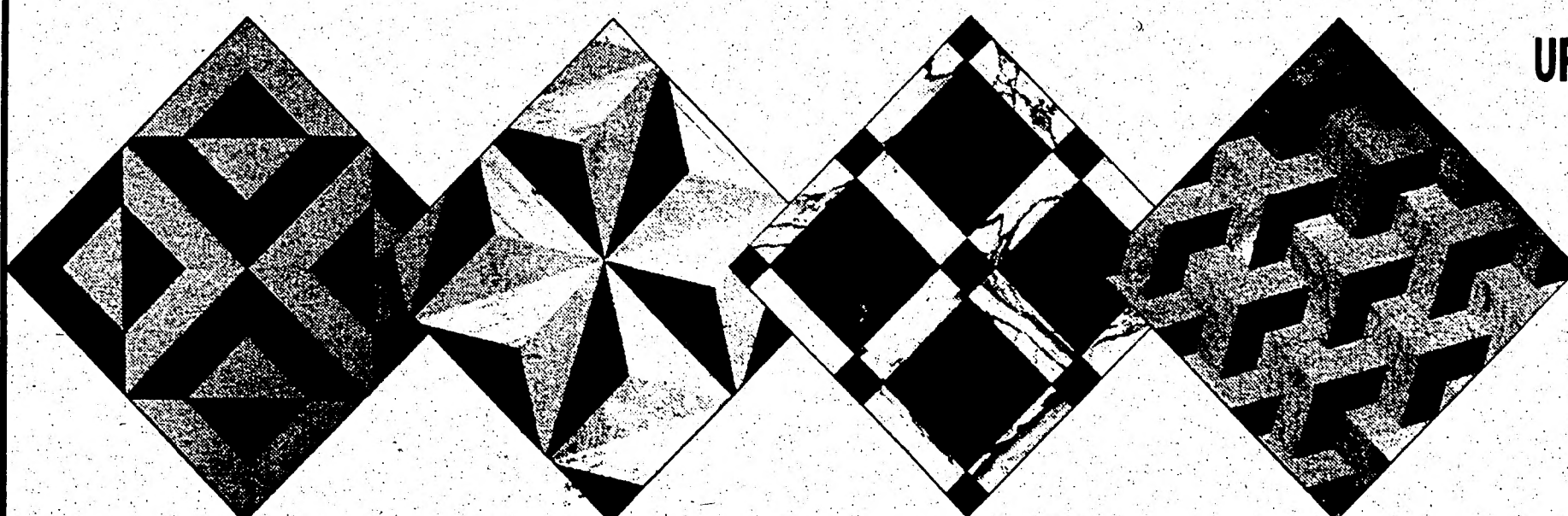
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Women in Mideast unite against violence

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

For a long time, the problem was kept simmering under a lid. Violence against women in Israel was just not seen to be as prevalent a social ill as in America, where the problem is endemic. Good Jewish men did not beat their wives. And if they did, the concept of *shalom bayit* — peace in the house in the face of adversity — prevailed.

But Israel is, after all, a society modelled on Western ways and with that, come all the ugly accoutrements: crime, alcoholism and wife assault.

And according to two Toronto women, violence against women in Israel has taken on a new dimension. Israel is just beginning to wake up to the problem of violence against women. There are more, though not enough, shelters for battered women, while rape crisis counsellors are trying to cope with increased caseloads.

The theory put forward in the 26-minute film *Occupied Territories*, shot last summer by 37-year-old social work teacher Marilyn Kanee and filmmaker Jennifer Kawaja, 32, is not new.

The militarization of the country, they argue, and its continuing occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, have resulted in even more brutality against women, both Israeli and Palestinian.

The upside to this disturbing trend is that at least some Israeli and Palestinian women have come together in a noble effort to stem the tide.

Occupied Territories, which had its Toronto debut last month, makes its politics plain. Kawaja is of Arabic heritage; Kanee is a member of the Toronto Jewish Women's Committee to End the Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, a group that has won few accolades among "establishment" Jews. Some of the film's footage is courtesy of the United Nations' Relief Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East and the Canada-Palestine Friendship Society. Thanks are given at the end to the C-P society and the leftist New Jewish Agenda.

There's not much attempt at even-handedness here, although it can be argued there is no "other side" when it comes to violence against women. The film, short as it is, clearly comes from a far-left perspective and indicts Israel, its army and its male soldiers. Thus, it should be approached as a polemic rather than a documentary.

It does, however, provide some fresh, if unpleasant, insights. Interviews are conducted with representatives of Women for Women (Isha L'Isha), a group that, among other things, lobbies for the release of Israeli and Palestinian political prisoners, and with Women in Black, a group of women who assemble publicly on a regular basis to protest Israel's occupation of the territories. Predictably, they are the targets of some vile epithets and threats hurled by passersby; some have been assaulted.

Other stories are uglier. Palestinian women in the territories, we are told, are regularly beaten, shot, abused and raped by Israeli soldiers. They are subject to administrative detention, curfews and censorship. There have even been cases, the film says, of policemen drugging Palestinian women and then raping them, all the while taking photographs. The women are threatened with the release of the photos if they make trouble.

Over in Israel proper, one woman is killed by her Israeli partner every week.

The underlying causes of this violence — and there are many — are generally glossed over in this film and attributed solely to the phenomenon of male soldiers, both active and reservist, being accustomed to brutal behaviour and carrying it into their personal lives.

What all this fury has done, on one level, is bring together Jewish and Palestinian women in a dialogue generally not seen among men. The filmmakers have searched for similarities among women on both sides of the conflict, and found them. Unfortunately, the glue that cements the common bond is derived from what terrifies them.

For a copy of the film, call Marilyn Kanee at (416) 539-0016.

Warsaw Ghetto martyr honored in concert

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A cheerful Yiddish poet, whose spirit was broken by the Holocaust, wrote *Songs of a Slaughtered People* which has become the *kaddish* of Yiddish literature. The memory of that poet, Yitzhak Katzenelson, the martyr of the Warsaw Ghetto, was honored by 500 recently at a Holocaust Education Week concert at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

He hid the manuscript for *Songs of a Slaughtered People* and for a journal under a tree at a concentration camp in southern France. After the war, a survivor returned to the spot and dug them up.

In his poetry, Katzenelson does not hide his disbelief that God could allow what is happening to the Jewish people. "Answer me," he implores in line after line.

The range of his emotions were well captured in Yiddish and English readings, by Aaron Fainer, Nathan Garnick, and Chaya Thalenberg and in song and music by Cantor Louis Danto and the Zemer Choral under direction of Charles Heller.

The lullaby and song from Katzenelson's earlier, cheerful time, chosen by Cantor Danto, gave a glimpse of the life he led as a teacher in his father's Jewish high school in Lodz,

Poland.

The poet was plunged into despair when his wife and two young children were scooped up by the Nazis and sent to Treblinka while he was at work with an older son. In the Warsaw Ghetto he was active as a teacher and writer and helped organize the resistance.

He and his son were among the 173 Jews spirited out of the Ghetto on Honduran passports but they were interned in Paris and eventually sent to a camp in southern France. It was here that he locked himself into a room to write *Songs of a Slaughtered People*. In 1944, along with the other Jews there, Katzenelson and his son were rounded up and sent to Dachau where they died.

Soloist Audrey Kaufman gave a fine rendering, with the Choral, of *Ani Ma'amin* (I Believe) based on Maimonides' 13 articles. The Choral was in particularly good voice in singing *Oyb Nii Keyn Emune* (If Not For Faith), a folksong.

The accompanist was Natasha Tyomkina and Simcha Simchovitch was co-ordinator. The concert was presented by the Committee for Yiddish and the adult education committee of the synagogue. Deanie Rumack and Anne Wollé also took part in the program.

Filling the Soviet void

Film

By SHELDON KIRSNER

Communism in the former Soviet Union is dead, but what has replaced it? Democracy? This is by no means certain. Totalitarianism, perhaps neofascism, may yet rear its ugly head in its successor state, Russia.

In the meantime, the scramble to fill the seemingly yawning void spawns a dizzying variety of social and political movements, including anti-Semitic ones.

Luna Park, Pavel Lounguine's newest film, unfolds in this uncertain, somewhat anarchic landscape.

Premiered at the 1992 Festival of Festivals in Toronto, *Luna Park* comes on the heels of Lounguine's *Taxi Blues*, which also dealt with the topic of Russian anti-Semitism.

Luna Park opens with a startling, powerful scene of a looming clash between two Moscow youth gangs, bare-chested skinheads and black leather-clad motorcyclists. As the tension rises, the camera pans on Andrei (Andrei Goutine), the muscular, cold-eyed skinhead leader, as he crushes

a Coca-Cola can, the despised symbol of Western influence.

The skinheads charge headlong into the motorcyclists, and a swirling battle, with medieval overtones, breaks out. It is strong stuff.

Andrei and his know-nothing cohorts fancy themselves as "cleaners," their goal being to "purify" Russia of Jews, homosexuals, foreigners and anyone suspected of leading a Western lifestyle.

The gang's guiding spirit is Andrei's mother, Aliona (Natalia Egorova), a plump, blonde woman who exudes sensuality and stubborn determination.

She and her teenage acolytes, who practise extortion as a way of generating income, make their headquarters in a shed in a squalid amusement park, where *Luna Park*, in part, is filmed.

For reasons which remain unclear, Aliona informs Andrei that his father is a Jew. It's a shocking disclosure, given Andrei's deep-seated anti-Semitism. Nevertheless, Andrei seeks out his father, Naoum Heifetz (Oleg Borisov).

Heifetz is an ailing and eccentric old man, a musician and a singer, whose shabby apartment is a haven

for a parade of personalities: card players, gangsters, prostitutes, scholars and passing strangers.

Though repelled by Heifetz and his medley of acquaintances, Andrei is inexorably drawn into his circle, fascinated by the man and the company he keeps.

Luna Park builds to a climax as Andrei is forced to choose sides. Will he kill Heifetz and all that he represents? Or will he betray Aliona and his fellow skinheads?

Although *Luna Park* presents a vision of a decaying, drifting Russia, Lounguine does not succumb entirely to pessimism. Flashes of black humor course through the film, lending it a sense of levity.

Rolling with these mood changes, the actors turn in impressive performances. Borisov epitomizes the world-weariness of a person who's seen it all. Goutine is an amalgam of toughness and tenderness. Egorova projects a fierceness of purpose.

Produced as the old Soviet Union disintegrated, *Luna Park* is both a portrait of an odd relationship and a presentiment of chaos in the former Soviet Union. And like *Taxi Blues*, it's a film a viewer will not easily forget.

Eye on Arts

Holy Blossom Temple's fine art committee will present an exhibition and sale of contemporary art curated by Pat Fleisher, president of Fleisher Fine Arts Inc., to be held in the Phillip Smith Foyer from Nov. 27 through January. An opening reception will be held on Nov. 29, 2-5 p.m.

The exhibition will include a diverse group of art and artists, many previously shown with 291 Gallery.

For further information call Fleisher at 925-5564 or Holy Blossom at 789-3291.

Sharon, Lois and Bram will appear at Hamilton Place on Dec. 1-2 with two shows daily.

For tickets call 645-5000.

The Koffler Gallery will premiere two new exhibitions on Dec. 3 at 8 p.m.

Catherine Widgery's Collective Amnesia is an exhibition of selected sculptural works by the Montreal artist. Marla Hlady's Beauty reveals a population of 50 plastic figurines on individual turbines which are set to spinning by the audience through a network of motion sensors. Both exhibitions continue to Jan. 15.

Medina Theatre Ensemble will present a concert reading of Leo Orenstein's comedy *Salesmen Don't Ride Bicycles* directed by Sylvia Lennick, on Dec. 16 at Holy Blossom Temple at 7:30 p.m.

Orenstein, producer-director of radio, stage and film, based his play on his true life relationships with his father and his father's second wife.

This play has been produced three times in Ontario and is possibly headed for New York and London.

For further information call Roselle Stone at 633-2057.

Singer-storyteller Jane Enkin, storyteller Justin Lewis and pianist Jordan Klapman will celebrate many facets of Jewish tradition in a series of performances this December.

Mendel The Book Peddler Says... will be presented at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m.

This will be an evening of readings and songs on Yiddish literature and the sarcastic, subversive hero, Mendele, the travelling book-seller.

From Berdichev to Broadway will be presented downtown at the Free Times Cafe, 320 College St., Dec. 16 at 8 p.m.

Chassidic storytelling will fill the first set, together with Enkin's a cappella renditions of Yiddish folk songs.

In the second and third sets, Enkin will be joined by Klapman for a cabaret of Jewish composers' Broadway hits.

Lewis will be on his own, telling folktales for families and children at the Chanukah Celebration at the Royal Ontario Museum, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20.

For more information call Justin Lewis at 538-4060.

Laurence Gilman's tape *The Chanukah Story: A New Rendition* will be aired on Dec. 18 on radio station CJRT.

Arts Alive is the annual Jewish Book Fair and Cultural Festival being held Nov. 28-Dec. 2 at the Jewish Community Centre in Ottawa.

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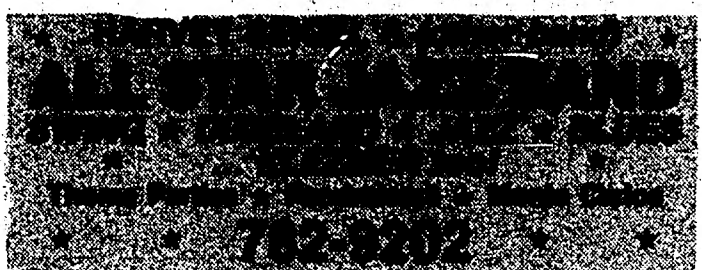
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Cathy Levy will be guest curator of the 1993-94 CIBC Dance Season at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre.

Levy is known throughout the Canadian dance community for her efforts as producer of the Canada Dance Festival in Ottawa since 1989. She was the recent recipient of a Canada Council grant to research international festivals.

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Arts

Charness committed to disabled artists

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Susan Charness is a gutsy lady. Hit with polio in early childhood, she is the founder of Susan Charness Talent, an agency committed to finding work in the entertainment field for disabled persons, and she fights with upbeat tenacity to convince prospective employers that her clients — the deaf, the blind, the wheelchair-bound, the developmentally challenged — are worthy and capable of hire. The word 'no' isn't in her vocabulary. "If I don't get it one way, I'll go another route," she maintains.

Working an incredibly long day on the phone in her North York office, she often gets around on a pair of jaunty blue crutches.

Brought by her Polish-born Holocaust survivor parents to Halifax in 1945 from Baldenburg, Germany at the age of 5, she contracted polio barely two months later. "Being Jewish and crippled," and speaking no English, she was faced with a triple whammy. "Kids were cruel," she remembers.

At 17 she left Halifax to attend college in Boston and then, still in her teens, went off to Israel, travelling through Turkey, Greece and Italy, frequently on her own, returning home only when her money ran out.

But Halifax couldn't hold her and she came to Toronto, looking for a larger Jewish community and wider scope. She met and married Monty Charness, then a CBC documentary filmmaker, now a freelance journalist. Susan helped him with research.

One day when Monty came home from the set of a hospital emergency scene, he noted that there hadn't been even one handicapped person in the cast. "Why don't you start your own talent agency," he suggested.

With the pluck of inexperience, Susan plunged in. She phoned ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) for a list of some 20 casting agents and contracted each one to explain, "This is what I do," neglecting to mention that at that point, she had no client roster.

That Friday, an agent called back with a request for "two leg amputees by Monday."



Susan Charness

Scrambling, Charness phoned several hospitals with no luck, but through the Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre, she found a 19 year old who had lost a leg to cancer, and a prosthesis manufacturer put her in touch with a young law student.

She was in business!

Charness now knows where to find clients — from agencies representing the disabled to distributors of ambulatory aids. Sometimes a discovery is made by pure chance. One possible client was spotted in a garden chair outside his house, raking every leaf he could reach.

The walls of Charness' office are covered with glossy photos of actors and extras, from babies to octogenarians. She has placed them in TV commercials, films, fashion shows and such local series as syndicated soaps, *The New Divorce Court*, *E.N.G.* and *Street Legal*. And a client appeared in the film *Stella*, starring Bette Midler. She hounds, with warmth and tact, not only casting agents, but business CEOs.

Sears, McDonalds, Eatons and The Bay have featured her clients.

Charness deplores the begging image projected by the massive telethons for the physically challenged. And she squirms when individuals whom she contacts to hire her people respond with, "Oh, do you want a donation?"

"My agency is really about self-esteem," she stresses. "If you value yourself, you won't just sit there like a latke. You'll do things."

She is determined to ensure more than token appearances for the disabled. "We want to be included, just like anyone else," she insists.

German courage revealed

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

They swam against the tide, resisting the blandishments of Adolf Hitler's German nationalism. And more often than not, they paid the highest possible price for actively opposing the evil Nazi regime.

Hava Kohav Beller's documentary, *The Restless Conscience*, is a stirring account of the courageous German men and women who fought the Nazis. The special screening was presented by Cinematheque Ontario, the Goethe Institute, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Nine years in the making, Beller's film relies on an arresting blend of archival clips and talking heads to trace the development of the anti-Nazi resistance movement from 1933 to 1945.

Hitler's opponents consisted of a loose coalition of socialists, conservatives, army officers, labor leaders, clerics, government officials and university students.

They included such figures as Julius Leber, Willy Brandt, Count Helmuth James von Moltke, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Carl Goerdeler, Ludwig Beck, Claus von Stauffenberg, Adam von Trott zu Solz, Hans von Doh-

nanyi and Hans and Sophie Scholl.

Some were appalled by the totalitarian and racist nature of National Socialism. Some feared that Hitler's lust for territorial expansion would plunge Germany into certain war and chaos. Yet others were stunned by revelations of mass atrocities against Jews.

In sum total, there were 20 assassination attempts against Hitler, a fact which may surprise some readers. In one instance, plotters placed explosives in cognac bottles on Hitler's plane. The bombs failed to explode.

1944 plot

In another case, a resister was asked to blow himself up with Hitler, and agreed after his father gave him this advice: "A man who doesn't take such a chance will never be happy again in his life."

The most renowned assassination attempt, the July 1944 plot which killed several of Hitler's colleagues but which only slightly wounded him, resulted in bloody retributions. Before they were executed, the plotters were paraded before a Nazi People's Court and humiliated by the shrill presiding judge. The clips of these

show trials are grim and powerful. Axel von dem Bussche, who was a captain in the Wehrmacht, offers what is probably the most vivid remembrance of the Nazi era.

He explains that Crystal Night, for him, crystallized the Nazis' brutality. And with barely concealed emotions, he tells of having witnessed the shooting of Jews in Ukraine and poignantly describes the massacre as "a moment when the bottom of everything falls out."

Despite such deeply-felt sentiments, it is instructive to note that the resisters were not necessarily philo-Semitic. Initially, Pastor Bonhoeffer's supporters held conventional anti-Semitic views, while few of the plotters seemed to be offended by the pernicious and pervasive anti-Jewish legislation passed into law from 1933 until 1938. It is to be hoped that Beller includes this largely neglected dimension of the resistance in her sequel.

Beller, however, deals harshly with the crass failure of the British government to forge links with the German resistance. Neville Chamberlain, the prime minister, as well as Anthony Eden, the foreign minister, treated the resisters with cavalier skepticism.

Their know-nothing attitude contributed not only to World War II, but helped lay the groundwork for the Holocaust.

A note: *The Restless Conscience* will be aired on the Public Broadcast System on Dec. 30 at 9 p.m.



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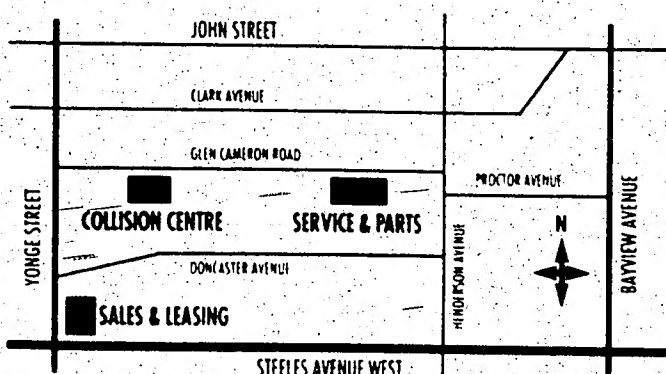
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Travel

Synagogue found on Curacao

By BILL GLADSTONE

CURACAO, Dutch Antilles — Situated in the Caribbean some 63 kilometres from Venezuela, the Dutch island of Curacao is a rugged, hilly outcropping with some 160,000 inhabitants.

Although most are Catholic, they represent about 80 nationalities and speak four official tongues: English, Dutch, Spanish and Papiamentu, the native lingo that is a smorgasbord of Old Dutch, Portuguese and African slave dialects. Curacaons are proud of the island's small but prominent Jewish population of 700, whose ancestors found sanctuary here in the centuries after the Spanish and Portuguese expulsions.

Visitors to Curacao will be easily won over by its capital Willemstad and its fine Dutch colonial architecture. A longstanding government edict prohibiting white buildings is still loyally followed. Most walls in town are bright creamy yellow or orange, including those of the famous Mikve Israel-Emanuel synagogue.

Willemstad's century-old Queen Emma floating bridge links the Punda and Ostrabunda neighborhoods.

Formerly only the barefooted were exempted from paying the toll but today everyone may cross for free. Nearby is the so-called "floating market," a row of ships that arrive every morning from Venezuela with fresh fruits and vegetables for sale.

After exploring Willemstad, visitors may wish to see the Seaquarium, where thousands of brightly colored fish (including the bulbous Jew-fish) are displayed. Several old forts located around the island include Fort Nassau, which offers a good restaurant and a breathtaking view. Fort Amsterdam houses the Governor's Palace and a Dutch Reformed Church.

Plantation landhouses dot the island, most of them elegant old mansions that overlook vast estates. They provide a strong contrast to the small pitiful cement huts that once housed the slaves who worked the plantations. There was an important slave revolt in 1795, six years after the French Revolution that probably inspired it. But emancipation did not finally come to the island until 1863.

Languishing in tropical heat, refreshed by constant tradewinds, Curacao is in many ways a study of

contrasts. Despite high unemployment, there are about 50,000 cars on the island, one for almost every three people. And on this island where one old-fashioned thatched-roof hut still stands, the government and private interests joined together several years ago to build a \$20-million state-of-the-art convention facility.

The largest of the five islands that comprise the Netherland Antilles, Curacao must compete for tourists with Aruba, which dropped out of the Netherland Antilles several years ago. Tourism officials concede that Aruba has finer beaches but argue that Curacao's rich history and variety of attractions make it the place with "something for everyone." They hope that many of the cruise ship passengers who spend an afternoon here will return for stays of longer duration.

Mikve-Israel, said to be the oldest surviving synagogue in the New World, is regarded as a major tourist attraction and receives some 15,000 visitors per year. Services are still occasionally conducted there. A minyan meets regularly at an Orthodox shul in the suburbs.

Moscow on the itinerary

TORONTO —

While many women are beginning to arrange travel plans for southern destinations, Toronto's Jeannie Tanenbaum is busy trying to convince as many women as she can to join a North American delegation of Jewish women who will spend four days in Moscow before going on to Israel for an exciting 10-day trip.

The tour, Back to the Future: Russian the Issues, Israel the Answers, is being arranged by the National Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds. So far there are 68 women from across the United States and Canada signed up to go.

The trip to Russia (Feb. 24 - March 1) is an optional four-day pre-trip. Delegates can proceed directly to Israel if they choose. The Israel portion of the tour (Feb. 28 - March 10) will coincide with the festival of Purim, one of the most joyous and exciting holidays to experience in

Israel.

"Our aim is to have as many women from all over North America participate in this delegation," said Tanenbaum, who feels the itinerary and the timing of the trip will appeal to a large number of women, many of whom may not be that active in the Bonds organization.

"The trip will afford us the opportunity to really see first-hand what the circumstances are today for Jews in the C.I.S. as well as experience what Bond dollars are accomplishing with new immigrants in Israel."

Along with Tanenbaum, who will head up the Toronto contingent, Montreal's Evelyn Schachter is busy recruiting women from Montreal and other Canadian cities to take part as well.

Further information about the forthcoming Women's Division Purim delegation can be obtained from the Toronto Bond office by contacting Gail Dumbrowsky at 789-3351.

TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

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So why are you bringing all this up, Butcher Man, you're asking.

It's simple. I have a few items that will interest singles and I thought I'd segue into it, but why I'm explaining my actions to you is beyond me.

First off, Larry Ritter of Israel Identity Tours tells me of a 15-day, five-star deluxe tour of Israel departing December 21 and returning January 4 called the **Singles Israel Trip**.

The tour will be led by Rabbi Martin and Deborah Levin of Congregation Beth El in La Jolla, California.

Rabbi Levin says "Singles interested in serious relationships don't want the bar scene. They want to have a chance to hear how someone thinks, see how someone functions, know something about their values before

they're confronted with the question of a date. And that principle will characterize our trip."

Single parents are also invited to bring their children. Babysitters will be provided while "the parents are out having fun," says Rabbi Levin.

The trip will cost around \$2830 U.S. with departure from Toronto. The trip includes camel rides with Bedouins, snorkeling/scuba diving in Eilat, an archaeological dig in Tiberias, a Jeep tour in the Negev, dinner and dancing on a chartered Galilee Sea yacht, a backstreet visit to Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox quarter, and Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, a progressive Shabbat service at four unusual synagogues, an authentic Roman banquet in the Cardo and nightclubbing in Tel Aviv. Whew!

For more information and reservations, call 636-9858 in Toronto.

The Jewish Community Centres Association of St. Louis, along with Brentwood Travel, is sponsoring the ninth annual **Jewish Singles Supercruise '93**. The cruise departs from Ft. Lauderdale February 7 on Norwegian Cruise Lines new Dreamward ship and returns February 14 after visiting St. Thomas, St. John, San Juan and Nassau.

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Travel

Chicago museum tops for Judaica exhibition

By MARC HUBER

CHICAGO —

Most visitors to Chicago know that Michigan Avenue is known for its shopping. But few visitors know that about a mile south of Chicago's tony Miracle Mile shopping district is an exceptional, interactive museum about Jewish history.

Virtually next door to Chicago's refurbished flagship Hilton Hotel (with its spacious lobbies, third floor art gallery and a free Conrad Hilton autobiography for every guest) and across from Grant Park, the Spertus Museum of Judaica has two floors of galleries where families can learn and experience together at one of the best Judaica museums for children outside of Israel.

The museum's highlight is its hands-on artifact centre, where junior archaeologists climb a 32-foot simulated tel to dig for artifacts. Although designed for children in grades 1-12, museum director Dr. Morris Fred does note that adults do push children at the exhibit. The tel's digging stations contain replicas of ancient artifacts used in everyday biblical life. Using authentic tools, children learn archaeologically correct excavating principles, dig in the sand and look for stuff, record their findings in a field notebook, and then learn about the object's biblical history.

Continuing with the theme of learning about daily life in ancient Israel, five supervised, activity exhibits around the tel are set like a marketplace. The marketplace features a jewelry store, a village scribe and a pottery shop. Children can also wear costumes and re-enact biblical stories live or on video.



Kids get hands-on experience at Chicago's Spertus Museum of Judaica.

Other activities include an illustrated time-line mural about Jewish history, an Israelite playhouse for younger children, or playing a round of Catch Koved the Camel, a Jewish version of the popular board game Where's Waldo.

Dr. Fred wants visitors to see the museum in an integrated fashion by first seeing the exhibits on ceremonial objects and art about Jewish life around the world and then visualizing the museum's displays inside the activity area. This coincides with the museum's philosophy of avoiding "a Judaism behind glass syndrome" according to Dr. Fred. "Other than the Torahs, the objects on display are not holy in themselves. It is the rituals associated with these objects that are holy."

The exhibits largely display varying stages of Jewish lifecycles: circumcision, naming, bar and bat mitzvah, marriage, death and mourning. The hands-on, object-oriented approach of the activity area, makes the museum's other exhibits come to life by demonstrating rituals associated with these artifacts having relevance today.

Dr. Fred recognizes the tel's unique method of teaching biblical archaeology is a magnet for the museum's other permanent exhibits. "The artifact centre definitely has an impact. It draws people in." Pointing out that about 50 percent of the museum's visitors are not Jewish, Dr. Fred believes that the Spertus Museum fosters understanding because for many visiting students, the museum is their first encounter with Judaism.

Spertus Museum is also known for its many photog-

raphy and painting exhibits. Previous exhibitions highlighted: Ten Prominent Jews of the 20th Century by Warhol, Play it Again Solomon and an exhibition on 500 years of Jewish Life in Latin American and the Caribbean.

Until January 9, 1993, the museum is showcasing Jerzy Kosinski's photography. Most of the pictures on display have never before been seen by the public. Primarily known as a writer, Kosinski used photography as an outlet to escape his artistic constraints under Communist rule in Poland. The award-winning author of *Being There* bequeathed his entire literary and artistic estate to the Spertus College of Judaica (the museum's parent institution) when Kosinski died in May, 1991.

Spertus Museum is located at 618 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (312) 922-9012, extension 248. Museum hours: Sunday-Thursday 10 - 5; Friday 10 - 3. Activity Area hours: Sunday - Thursday 1:30 - 4:30. Admission: \$3.50 (U.S.) - adults, \$2 (U.S.) - senior citizens and children, \$8 (U.S.) - group rate. Admission is free on Fridays.

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Business Outlook

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By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Career plans are no longer made once and then followed for a lifetime; we change, the world changes, and our plans change, say the authors of a recently published book, *Taking Charge — Career planning for Canadian Workers* (Captus Press Inc. and Iguana & Associates, 200 pages).

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Before you start exploring the choices available to you, advises Rochelle, there are three factors you should consider: changes in the workforce; your personal work-related needs; and the inevitable stress associated with a change of career.

Rochelle Meltz has a bachelor's degree and a certificate in criminology from the University of Toronto.

She worked with the John Howard Society in job placement and job counselling for ex-convicts. She was with the Chaplaincy Services of the Canadian Jewish Congress and later the Jewish Family & Child Service, working with volunteers.

She prepared a volume of career prospects for young people. With her communal experience as a volunteer counsellor, she has been involved with transferring volunteer work to the job market.

Noah Meltz, professor of economics and industrial relations, was recently installed as principal of the University of Toronto's Woodsworth College. He is a past director of the Centre for Industrial Relations at the U of T.

Noah has received many honors for his achievements and the numerous other published works. *Management in Canada* and *The Shortage of Registered Nurses* and *Taking Charge* is available at W.H. Smith Bookshops across Canada, the World's Biggest Bookstore and other bookstores throughout the Country.

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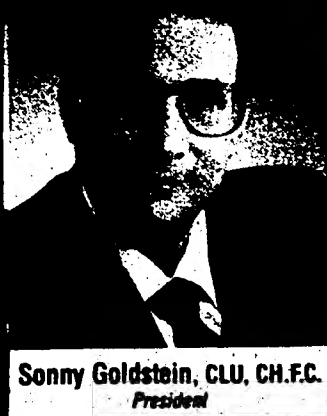
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Locations' aggressive strategy will benefit home buyers

By JOSEPH SERGE

THORNHILL, ONT. —

A Thornhill realtor has reduced its agents' commissions to encourage more people to buy and sell homes.

Locations Inc. started its aggressive pricing strategy in October. It has cut the traditional six percent commission to four percent.

"We felt the vendor needed an added incentive to put the house up for sale in today's market," David Stein, Locations president, said. He compared his pricing strategy to any other business having a sale. "But while it is a price discount, there's nothing discounted in the service we offer."

Stein said the real estate market was slow to respond to lower interest rates and other government incentives initiated to produce more market activity.

"Put simple, the consumer lacks confidence right now," Stein said. "People are scared and I can't blame

them with all that's going on."

Stein believes a two percent reduction, which will result in as much as a \$5,000 savings on the sale of a \$250,000 home, is the type of incentive required to boost consumer confidence.

A two percent commission savings will allow more pricing flexibility and result in quicker sales, Stein said. Saving thousands of dollars can significantly assist vendors with the incidental costs of selling a house.

Though some individual agencies do offer to reduce commissions, it is not something large agencies generally do.

"Until now no company has openly advertised a reduced commission structure, whereas we bring it right up front," Stein said.

"We can't compete on a dollar-for-dollar advertising basis [with larger realtors]," he said, "so we felt a competitive pricing strategy was the best way to go."

Stein is not guaranteeing discount commissions are here to stay. He set up a two-month trial period to see if sales go up. If he doesn't make up his revenue through increased sales, he will go back to a six percent commission.

"If we increase our volume then that's great and we'll continue to do it," Stein said. "But I will not damage my business."

So far, Stein is optimistic. "Since we started this on Oct. 29, it has brought us a lot of attention and business we would not have got otherwise."

Stein believes the real estate market will pick up soon. "I've seen it a lot worse before," he said. "In 1981 and 1983, when interest rates were up at 21 percent, there was a lot of doom and gloom."

He said the market is cyclical and slumps happen periodically.

Locations's 22 agents are all behind the new program, Stein said.

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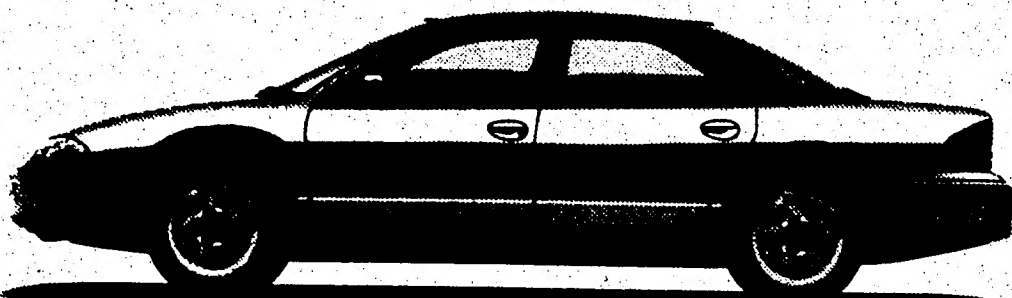
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New mutual fund launched

TEL AVIV —

Israeli investors are being offered an opportunity to benefit from the growth potential of Israeli shares traded on foreign exchanges.

Bank Hapoalim, the country's largest financial institution, last month announced the launching of a new mutual fund, "Atlas," under the management of Poalim Mutual Funds. It will concentrate its investment portfolio on the scores of Israeli-based companies, many in the hi-tech field, whose stocks are now traded in New York and other financial centres.

In its first week the Israeli public invested the equivalent of \$60 million in shares of "Atlas," the 41st mutual fund of Hapoalim which manages more than 30 percent of all mutual fund investments in Israel.

With more than \$36 billion in assets, Bank Hapoalim maintains 361 branches in Israel and 15 other countries.

Note: According to Israel law, foreign residents are now permitted to invest in all of the mutual funds in the Bank Hapoalim group and benefit from their reconversion to foreign currency.

Business Outlook

Group helps to market independent consultants



Helen Walter, partner and senior designer of Capstone Communication Group, is a member of the Association of Independent Consultants.

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

There is a growing demand for consultants in business, says Helen Walter, partner and senior designer of the Capstone Communications Group in Markham, Ont., and an active member of the Association of Independent Consultants (AIC).

Walter says, "Independent consulting has become a growth industry as more companies outpace knowledgeable managers and baby boomers opt for more control in their lives. As there are fewer knowledgeable in-house resources, businesses hire short term expertise. Some industry pundits say consulting is the business of the 90s."

She explains that the AIC is a federally-chartered, non-profit organization dedicated to helping independent consultants market themselves, increase their knowledge and become better professionals. "Our members are mainly from the Toronto region with some representation from as far away as London and Ottawa."

AIC was founded two years ago by full-time corporate strategic planning consultant, Kevin Hood, who designed AIC's program. He explains that the organization is dedicated to the "education, networking and service needs of independent consulting professionals." There are now more than 200 AIC members.

"I've seen significant networking among members over the past few years," says Hood, who serves as president of AIC. "The result being

that we meet and exceed our goals as independent consultants."

Walter is one of a number of consultants who will participate in the first integrated Canadian training program for consultants under the sponsorship of AIC in conjunction with The Self Management Consulting Group Inc., titled, Consulting for Success in the 90s.

Consultants who will be presenting sessions have been chosen for their in-depth knowledge of a specific part of the program. The program is being offered as a 10-week, 30-hour seminar series, and is also available as an intensive three-day course. Consultants who participate can choose to attend individual sessions or book an entire course.

Topics covered at the seminars include, how to define your services and your market, write proposals, set fees, market and sell yourself, manage your time, organize an efficient office, choose the right technology, establish consistent self management initiatives, and there will be a session on the stress elements in a consultant's life.

Walter will present a session on, You and Your Marketing Materials — or how to present a strong business image and create effective promotional materials.

She has had 12 years of experience in the communications field, was manager of the office of the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation before returning to school to complete a four year course in photography at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

In 1982, Walter and her partner

Keith Thirgood, formed Capstone Communications Group to service the communications requirements of Canadian business and government. "We work to understand completely the communications needs of our clients, design the solutions to their marketing, training, promotion and public relations challenges, and produce the appropriate communications tools."

Recently, Capstone received awards of Excellence in Design from the Beckett Paper Company for the design of the stationery and logo for a Scarborough software firm.

With a chuckle Walter says that "being in this business was not, in my father's estimation what a nice Jewish girl did for a living." She adds, "it was a struggle to be the artist I wanted to be. He wanted me to sell and I hated the idea. Somewhere along the way, I managed to combine the two."

Walter says she has seen "too many consultants fail, not through lack of expertise in their fields, but by their lack of knowledge of the business and marketing side of consulting." The Consultants Seminar series was created to help these consultants. Along with seminars, the AIC holds monthly networking meetings, helps to promote individuals and distributes consulting publications.

For more information on the AIC, call (416) 491-3556 or write to 2175 Sheppard Ave. East, Suite 110, Willowdale, Ont. M2J 1W8. For information or to register for the Consultants Seminar series, phone (416) 746-0448.

Heritage Fine Clothing greets a 2nd generation

By RANDI DRUZIN

Nathan Rosenberg has it all, and he's giving it, away.

After more than four decades in the retail clothing industry, Rosenberg is now semi-retired. He occasionally visits the store he opened to work as a consultant to the business' new owners — his children.

David Rosenberg, 25, and his sister, Anita Gleberzon, are taking over Heritage Fine Clothing from their father, who expects them to "provide the energy and vision necessary to move the business into the new century." It's a formidable task considering the magnitude of the business and how far it has come.

Initially, Heritage was a Montreal wholesale business that supplied several outlets, including the menswear shop which Nathan had opened in 1962. When Heritage began to flounder in 1979, Nathan bought it with a group of investors, moved it to Toronto and tried, in vain, to expand its client base.

When the firm faced bankruptcy two years later, Nathan and an associate bought out the remaining partners and made Heritage a retail business. In 1986, Nathan took over sole ownership and moved the store to its current location at 103 Orfus Rd. near Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

Today, Heritage Fine Clothing occupies 70,000 square feet of space with showrooms featuring 7,000 men's fully-tailored suits (all of which are made of fine European cloths such as Reda, and Ermenegildo Zegna), 1,200 men's sports jackets, 3,000 women's suits and separates as well as accessories for both sexes. "We probably have more men's suits under one roof than any other retail outlet in the world," David says.

Even more impressive is the fact that

sales have been good throughout the recession. "We've been doing very well," says Nathan. "In fact, this past fall season was our best ever." Heritage Fine Clothing is doing well, he says, because it offers high-end products at popular prices.

This is possible because the business' operating costs are lower than those of most retail outlets; the Rosenbergs stock a large volume of merchandise, design the clothes (though not the accessories) and manufacture them.

"We are personally involved in every aspect of the business," Nathan explains, "from choosing the fabric of a suit, to deciding how to present it in the showroom."

His daughter Anita, who completed a degree in fashion at George Brown College, managed an exclusive ladies' fashion boutique and worked as a manufacturer's representative before joining her father in 1986, manages all of Heritage's womenswear, and is heavily involved with designing.

David is responsible for the men's side of the business. Since graduating from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute two years ago, David "has been totally involved with every aspect of the business including administration, marketing, advertising and buying," says his father. David also works with his father and several consultants designing men's suits.

David and Anita will soon open Heritage Fine Jewellery and Manufacturing adjacent to Heritage Fine Clothing. The undertaking of this new venture "is a result of (the siblings) insight as to what the next logical expansion of Heritage should be," says their father.

And what about Dad?

"Oh, I hardly come in at all anymore," he says, smiling. "The kids take care of just about everything now."



Nathan Rosenberg (left) is shown here with his son David at Heritage Fine Clothing.

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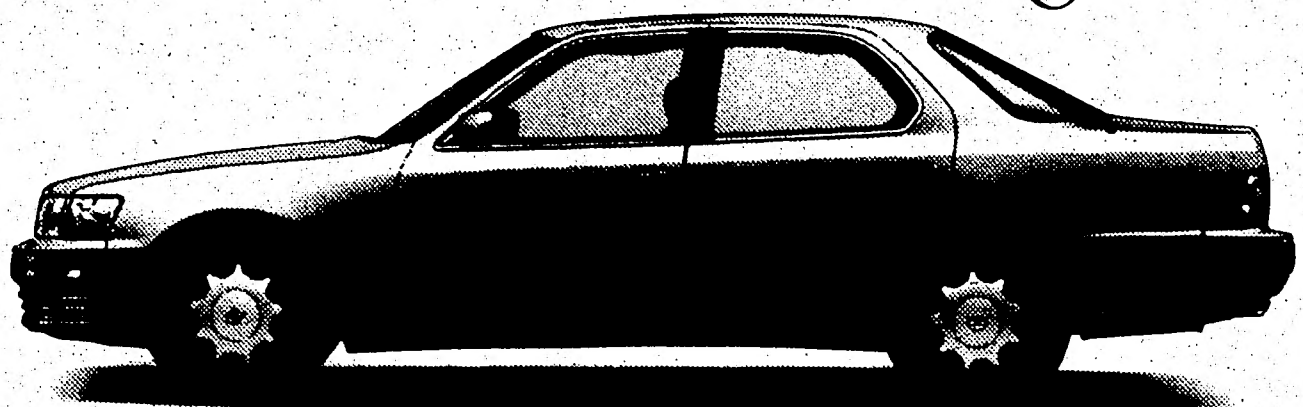
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Rare Hebraic, Judaic books in Sephardi exhibition

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

In many ways the Passover Haggadah on display at the National Library of Canada has the markings of any well-used modern Haggadah.

It has black and white pictures of religious scenes. It tells the Passover story, and has instructions telling readers when to say the prayers, and when to eat. And it's foot-high, yellowed pages are generously dotted with wine stains.

This Maggadah, however, is about 400 years old and it includes seder directions for both Sephardi and Ashkenazi Jews.

It is part of an exhibit of rare Hebrew

and Judaic books reflecting the Jewish experience in the Iberian Peninsula before the Jews were expelled.

Curator Cheryl Jaffe prepared the exhibit to coincide with Sepharad '92, the year-long commemoration of the expulsion of Jews from Spain 500 years ago. The books are among several thousand rare Hebraic and Judaic books in the Jacob M. Lowy collection housed at the National Library.

Among the texts on display are the first printed edition of the Zohar (the central guide to Jewish mysticism), a 500-year-old pocket edition of the Shulman Aruch, and rare editions of Maimonides' writings.

One case of books illustrates the

degree of secular concerns discussed in Hebrew texts. An early edition of Maimonides' Mishnah Torah, for example, is opened to sketches showing how to predict the new moon. Another book describes an eclipse.

Jaffe has also displayed a 500-year-old copy of a travel book written by a rabbi in the 12th century. The rabbi travelled from France to India, and his book discusses the geography and culture of the places he visited.

Jaffe says the books show how Jewish intellectual concerns of the time went well beyond religion.

"Maimonides was a physician," says Jaffe. "He was also an astronomer, a codifier of law and a

philosopher... The world was not compartmentalized. Things were very fluid and the barriers that we associate with different fields just didn't exist," she says.

When the students from the Orthodox Ottawa Torah Institute came to the exhibit, they were fascinated.

Rabbi Yisrael Morgenstern, dean of the school, says it was tremendously exciting for his students to see early editions of texts they study in school.

"It gave them a sense of history and continuity that was very important to them," he says.

His students want to return to the library to see the rest of the Jacob Lowy collection.

What interests most visitors to the exhibit, says Jaffe, is a sense of antiquity, "that a 500-year-old book exists and that it can exist in more gleaming, pristine shape than anything you could produce today."

Jaffe takes visitors on a guided tour of the texts to explain how they are connected to one another and what they tell us about 15th century Sephardi culture. She also translates commentaries and reads the graceful Spanish-like Ladino texts.

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